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## Merry Christmas



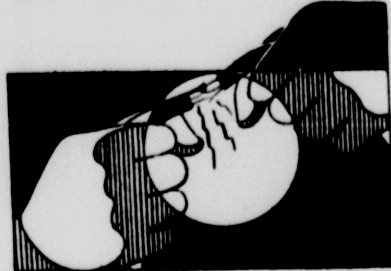
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greetings to you and your family as you gather  
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# Will you spend your Holidays in the Hospital ?



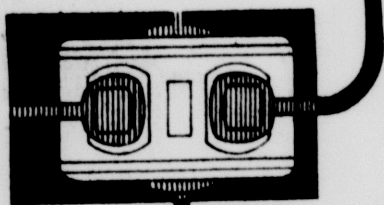
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### ...TAKE ANY CHANCES!

Be sure the equipment you use is safe. Inspect that ladder before you climb it. Use the proper tools. Don't nail through electrical wires when hanging holiday lights.

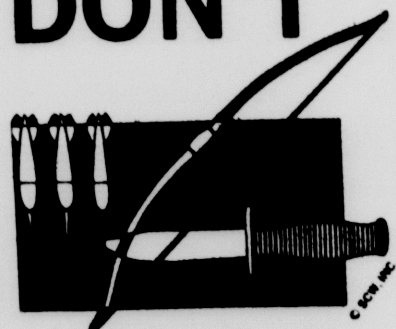
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### ...OVERLOAD THE SOCKETS!

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## DON'T



### ...GIVE CHILDREN DANGEROUS TOYS

Check those toys! Are they approved? Look for sharp edges and points. Check for hidden sharp wires and staples. Avoid toys that heat up and toys that shoot.

## DON'T



### ...DRINK AND DRIVE!

Alcohol and gasoline is a fatal mixture, so if you drink, don't drive. Keep alert for the drunk driver, especially during the holidays. Don't become one of his victims.

## DON'T



### ...PUT GIFTS NEAR FIRES!

During the holidays it's great to have a roaring fire in your fireplace. But make sure it stays there. Keep the tree and gifts away from the fireplaces and heaters.

## DON'T



### ...LET YOUR TREE DRY OUT!

Keep your tree in a basin of water and don't let it dry out. Don't let lights touch the needles and use only fireproof decorations. Spray your tree with a fire retardant mixture.

## The Christmas and New Year holidays are the most dangerous times of the year . . .

It's a dangerous season because it's a confusing season. People are busy, running about and their minds are preoccupied with many thoughts about many things. There's the rush of Christmas shopping and holiday parties. There's memories of past years... some sweet, others bitter. There's financial problems, streets crowded with traffic and packed stores. It all adds up to pressure. So somebody will drink a little too much at the office party and drive home. Someone else will run a stop sign because their at-

tention was on their problems rather than on the road. And everybody gets careless. Homes burn down because of that and household and occupational accidents increase. People are injured. People die during the holiday season due to the pressures of Christmas and the New Year. So this year, take it easy. Relax and enjoy yourself, but keep extra alert and practice sensible safety rules in your home, at work and on the road. And look out for those who don't. Don't spend your holidays in the hospital.

# THE HAMLIN HERALD



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**THE HAMLIN JAYCEES**  
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## Xi Gamma Pi Yule Party Held Thursday

Xi Gamma Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bryant for the annual Christmas party. Mrs. C. W. Griggs, chairman of the social committee, was in charge of arrangements.

Refreshments were served from a buffet. Gifts for high score were presented to winners of Bridge and 42.

Those attending were Mmes. and Messrs. Cliff Reynolds, Bob McKissack, Leldon Clifton, Jack Willingham, Tim Jones, James Harrison, Leroy Smith, Arlie Cassle, W. T. Johnson, Gerald Young, Weldon Griggs, John C. Bryant, Cecil Sellers and a guest, Teola Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro Villarreal are parents of a girl, Christy Diane, 6 lbs. ½ oz. born Dec. 16 at 1:58 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Francisco M. Guerra of Abilene are parents of a girl, Francine Annie, 7 lbs. 12 oz. born Dec. 18 at 9:12 p.m.

## Men's Class Hosts Party For Lodge

A Christmas Party for residents of Holiday Lodge was given Thursday evening by The Men's Bible Class of First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Howard Jones, teacher, gave the devotional. E. A. Hewett led the singing of Christmas carols and sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art." Mrs. Andy Brown played the piano.

Rev. Jones requested that members of the class provide gifts for the residents rather than a gift being given to him.

A committee from the Homemakers Sunday School Class purchased and wrapped the gifts. Mrs. Melvin Scott was chairman. Men from the class distributed gifts to every resident including bed patients.

Refreshments furnished by Naomi Sunday School Class were served by members of the Phebean and Homemakers classes.

Mrs. Robert Christian, activities director at the lodge, coordinated plans for the party.

## Phebean Class Holds Party

Phebean Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. J. A. George Dec. 17 for their Christmas party.

Mrs. George was assisted by Mrs. C. R. Crowley as co-hostess.

Mrs. Cleo Perryman, outreach leader, presided. Mrs. T. C. Gregory gave the devotional.

Mrs. Joe Cowan presented the story of "The Other Wiseman."

Mrs. Crowley gave the closing prayer.

In lieu of a Christmas gift exchange, the members placed money in a carpet fund for their classroom.

Refreshments were served. Others present were Mrs. Henry Albritton, W. H. Carter, Erma Hall, O. G. Harvey, A. Branscum and Lucy Mickler.

## Salad Supper Held Tuesday

The monthly ladies salad supper was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ Tuesday night. Room decorations carried out the Christmas theme.

Tables were set with red tablecloths lined with greenery, berries and Christmas candles with a flower arrangement accenting the head table.

Speaker for the supper was Mrs. Bobby Self who spoke on "Inner Happiness and How to Acquire It." She encouraged everyone to constantly give of

themselves to acquire and know happiness.

Hostesses were Mmes. H. R. Daniell, Bob Tegart and Bobby Self. Twenty-two ladies attended.

## HOSPITAL PATIENTS

In Hospital Monday:

L. B. Maberry  
Kayla Mehaffey  
Lena Thomas  
Jack Fletcher  
Mrs. A. A. Hackley  
Mrs. Joe Baldivia  
Fred Jay  
Mrs. W. L. Maynard  
Mrs. Steve Reynolds  
Elmo Bellah  
Loy Nelson  
Beatrice Kemp  
Bill Kelley  
Dismissed Dec. 18—22:  
Mrs. Ronnie Clemons  
Steve Austin  
Mrs. Frank Guerra  
Ralph Hallum  
Vernon W. Early, Sylvester  
Tammy May, Rotan  
H. R. Daniels

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parramore of Winters are parents of a boy, Russell Lee, 7 lbs. ½ oz. born Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vaughan. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parramore of Winters are paternal grandparents. Great-grandparents are Mrs. H. E. Black of Hamlin and Mrs. A. F. Pinson of Warsaw, England and Mrs. Parramore of Winters.

Andrew T. McComack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew T. McComack, 149 Avenue F, Hamlin, Tex., was promoted to Army Specialist six while serving as a radio repairman in the 6th Maintenance Company in Crailsheim, Germany.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Frazier are parents of a boy, Michael Paul, 8 lbs. 2 oz. born Dec. 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Stamford Memorial Hospital. The couple has a daughter, Dawn Denise, 4. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Goodwin. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin W. Frazier of Philadelphia, Pa., are paternal grandparents.

## CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, his precepts! O! 'tis easier to keep holidays than commandments.

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# FROM THE FILES . . .

## FIFTY YEARS AGO (December 26, 1924)

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Boyd of Slaton are here to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Walton. Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyd also returned last week from Stanton to be at home Christmas.

The big poultry show that was to have been held here last week, Dec. 19 and 20 was frozen out, for the time being. Zero weather is not a good temperature for show chickens. So those in charge postponed the show till Jan. 17 and 18. Those who want to see good poultry will do well to keep this date in mind. Bring your chickens and turkeys.

Charlie Conatsers store at Royston was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin about 3:00 o'clock Tuesday morning.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO (December 24, 1954)

Hamlin's city street paving program has really taken shape during the past several days as curb and gutter and street paving base has been carried out on several blocks of city streets.

Six new directors for the ensuing year of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce will be elected in balloting that is being conducted through the mail this week and next by the civic organization.

Mrs. Lee R. Howard and little daughter, Terry, who have been making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, for the past 11 months, are leaving Dec. 23 to join their husband and father in Japan. Lieutenant Howard was sent to Korea in February and back to Japan in October.

Hamlin post office will be closed Friday afternoon and all day Saturday in order to give postal employees a repast from labors for Christmas holidays.

Singers and those who like to hear good singing are reminded that the Haskell and Jones County singing will be conducted Sunday afternoon at Swenson Avenue Baptist Church in Stamford.

More than 1,100 Hamlin School children left their classes at the five schools of the district Wednesday

afternoon and will not return until Monday, Jan. 3.

## TEN YEARS AGO (December 24, 1964)

Tommy L. Sewell, 20, whose wife, Carol lives at 230 S. W. Avenue D, completed a seven-week armor truck vehicle mechanic course at the Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Dec. 16.

A capacity crowd attended the Sunday evening cantata presented by the combined choirs of the First Baptist churches at the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Dr. Jimmy McNeil, optometrist, has announced that he will not be in his office on Thursday, Dec. 24 and also Thursday, Jan. 31.

With Christmas Day coming on Friday this year many businesses will be closed Saturday in order to have a full holiday weekend for the owners and employees.

The annual Christmas dinner program for teachers and employees of the Hamlin Public Schools was held Friday evening in the high school cafeteria. B. V. Newberry, high school principal, was master of ceremonies.

Winners of the Christmas Decoration Contest have been announced by Miss Lennie Greenway, president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, sponsors of the event. In the business division the Hamlin Flower Shop placed first; McCollum-Cunningham, second and Bishop's Flowers, third.



# Ring

out the Old  
Ring in the  
NEW

Another year has passed. and things gone by, we cannot change. So ring out the old year and ring in the new with high resolutions. These bells, which have long been used by churches as a call to worship, are ringing an opportunity for you to begin the new year at worship with the Lord in His house. Start now and be faithful throughout this year. Attend Church regularly.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

Coleman Adv. Serv.



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## GOLDEN RULE HAS EMBRACED ALL RELIGIONS SINCE 1300 B.C.

Throughout the centuries men of all faiths have acknowledged the Golden Rule as a vital, intrinsic part of their faith, and expressed it thus:

**BAHAISM** — "If thou lookest toward justice, choose then for others what thou chooseth for thyself. Blessed is he who prefers his brother before himself."

**BRAHMANISM** — "This is the sum of duty: Do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you."

**BUDDHISM** — "In five ways should a clansman minister to his friends and familiars: By generosity, courtesy and benevolence, treating them as he treats himself and by being as good as his word."

**CHRISTIANITY** — "All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even to them: For this is the law and the prophets."

**CONFUCIANISM** — "Is there one word which may serve as a rule to practice for all one's life? The Master said, 'Is not reciprocity (sympathy, consideration) such a word? What you do not want done to yourself, do not unto others.'"

**HINDUISM** — "The life-giving breaths of other creatures are as dear to them as the breaths of one's own self. Men gifted with intelligence and purified souls should always treat others as they themselves wish to be treated."

**JAINISM** — "Indifferent to worldly objects, a man should wander about, treating all creatures in the world as he himself would be treated."

**JUDAISM** — "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

**MOHAMMEDANISM** — "No one of you is a believer until he loves for his

adherents of the old and earliest religion of the horned god only much later made into a satanic Christian devil-figure. (Shades of an exorcist!) These people used hallucinatory drugs and used ointments like belladonna that made them feel like they were flying.

So it seems that the jovial, genial fellow whom we know as St. Nick or Santa Claus has had his darker side, too. All very interesting, as is most history, if you dig deep enough.

brother what he loves for himself."

**SIKHISM** — "As thou deemest thyself, so deem others; then shalt thou become a partner in Heaven."

**SHINTOISM** — "Irrespective of their nationality, language, manners and culture, men should give mutual aid, and enjoy reciprocal, peaceful pleasure by showing in their conduct that they are brethren."

**TAOISM** — "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and regard your neighbor's loss as your own loss."

**ZOROASTRIANISM** — "That nature alone is good which refrains from doing unto another whatsoever is not good for itself."



Traditionalists will say that the Golden Rule, admirable in concept as it is, does not truly express the Spirit of Christmas.

Man continues to strive — more or less — to emulate the Son of God and of Man — and especially at Christmas-time.

He fails miserably, in many cases; this cannot be denied. Why, then, can we not reach for something attainable — such as the Golden Rule?

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a Barbie quick curl and a Baby Alive. I would also like to have a Barbie camper and a Newport Barbie. Because I am in first grade, please bring me some new school clothes. Thank you. Dannielle Tice

Dear Santa, I am six years old. I would like you to bring me a bike, a gun and a pair of boots. Scott Erwin

Dear Santa, My name is Doug and I am 7 years old. Would you please bring me a new desk and a record player. I would like to have some records too. Thank you Santa Doug Bonds

Dear Santa Claus I want many things, but I know you can't bring me everything I want just a bicycle for my sister and I Isaac Martinez

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a new Bibycle. I will have some cake and milk for you. Love Rod Smith

Dear Santa, Please bring me a baby alive doll, and a tea set. Bring Phillip and Michael something pretty. Thank you. Love Betty Burleson

Dear Santa Claus My name is Trudi and I want a talking Doll, I want a BaBy that Eats, I Want a BaBy that CRIEs, and set of dishes. Trudi Farnsworth

I would like to have cricket rocker Gloria Perez

Lanito happy Christmas I want a Punching toy and big Game rifle

Dear Santa, Please send me and my sister a Baby Alive doll. I also would like a record player and some new records. Love Always, Tammy Fudge

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a very good boy this year so for Christmas, I would like to have a race car track, TTP Classy Crashers, and a Mickey Mouse Watch. Love, Darren Weaver

Dear Santa-Clau I Want a bike and a doll. Evangelina

Dear Santa Clause Please bring me a big Tonka bulldozer and Tonka Dump truck. I also would like a cornet. I've been a pretty good boy. Thank you. Love, Todd Self P. S. Please bring "Little Leslie" a petal Pretty.

Dear Santa Claus My name is Steven Warner and I am 5 yrs. old. My mommy is writing this for me because I'm not in school yet. I want you to bring me these things this year: a football helmet, a car, a football, Indian knife, combine and a gun. Thank you, Santa. Steven Warner P.S. I'll leave you some cookies and milk on the bar in the kitchen.

Dear Santa Claus, I am Steven Warner's brother, Jaysen, and I'm 2 yrs. old. I want everything that Steve wants because we fight a lot over the same toys. I've been good this year, considering I'm a boy. Thanks a lot Santa. Jaysen Warner P.S. We don't have a chimney so you'll have to use the front door.

*Silent Night*

We extend our warmest wishes for the Christmas Season and the coming year. May He fill your heart with joy.

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## a lovable legend, bringer of gifts

Throughout history, Santa Claus has had many names, many origins. He has as many personalities as fertile imaginations through the ages can dream up.

The symbol of Santa Claus and other magical bringers of gifts is infinitely variable. In Europe the chief gift-bringers are St. Nicholas on his saint's day, the 6th of December; his Anglo-American de-

scendant is Santa Claus; in parts of Scandinavia dwarfs and goats take his place; there is the Christ Child of the German Xmas Eve; the white-robed girl Kolyada in pre-revolutionary Russia arrived by sleigh on Christmas Eve with attendant carol-singers; and the Epiphany gift-bearers associated with the Magi — such as the Befana of Italy, Babouschka of old

Russia, and the Tres Reyes Magos of Spain — all parade down through the centuries with essentially the same function — to bring gifts to good little boys and girls.

Santa Claus himself is composed of many elements; he is half Saint Nicholas and half ancient yule god. St. Nicholas, the original, was a bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the fourth century. He is supposed to have wrought miracles; certainly he was a good man. Many stories evolve from legends concerning the Bishop. One which is not as well known is told which introduces his connection with children.

Three boys were murdered by an innkeeper, cut up, and the pieces preserved in barrels of vinegar. St. Nicholas found these truncations, fitted them together with a prayer, and brought the boys back to life. To our 20th century minds this may seem a most macabre way to begin a legend's association with children!

In Holland, St. Nicholas becomes Sante Klaas. The children put out a pair of shoes or clogs filled with hay, water and carrots for his white horse; these are placed before the fireplace, and the next morning the shoes are found filled with either sweets and little gifts — or, depending on past behavior, birch rods.

Santa's arrival by chimney in America probably has an origin of antecedent significance. Hearth-gods and gods of the Yule-log went in and out by chimnev — also witches,

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**A tip of Santa's cap to all our customers!**

**We wish you happiness!**

**BRYANT INSURANCE AGENCY**

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Eloise Hertel

**Greetings**

Glad tidings to all at Christmas! May your holidays ring happily with the sound of laughter and may they be warmed by the glow of friendship and love!

**REYNOLDS DRUG**

Verda - Cliff - Lois Ellen  
Marolyn and O. H. Weaver

May your Christmas be aglow with the love of friends and family... may it shine with the enjoyment of the good things in life! Holiday greetings from

**HAMLIN FARMERS CO-OP GIN**

Jerry Jeffrey, Manager



Christmas Day In The Morning

As I sat on a sunny bank,  
A sunny bank, a sunny bank,  
As I sat on a sunny bank  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

I saw three ships come sailing by,  
Come sailing by, come sailing by,  
I saw three ships come sailing by,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And who d'you think were on the ship,  
Were on the ship, were on the ship,  
And who d'you think were on the ship  
But Joseph and his Fair Lady.

O he did whistle and she did sing,  
And all the bells on earth did ring  
For joy our Savior Christ was born  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

- Anonymous



We sincerely wish our many customers  
and friends every blessing of the season.  
**Cloud's Carpet Store**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Cloud

Hi!

Just want to say that  
you're wished the best  
of holiday seasons!  
Thank you for your  
patronage in the past.



**Ruby Robertson**



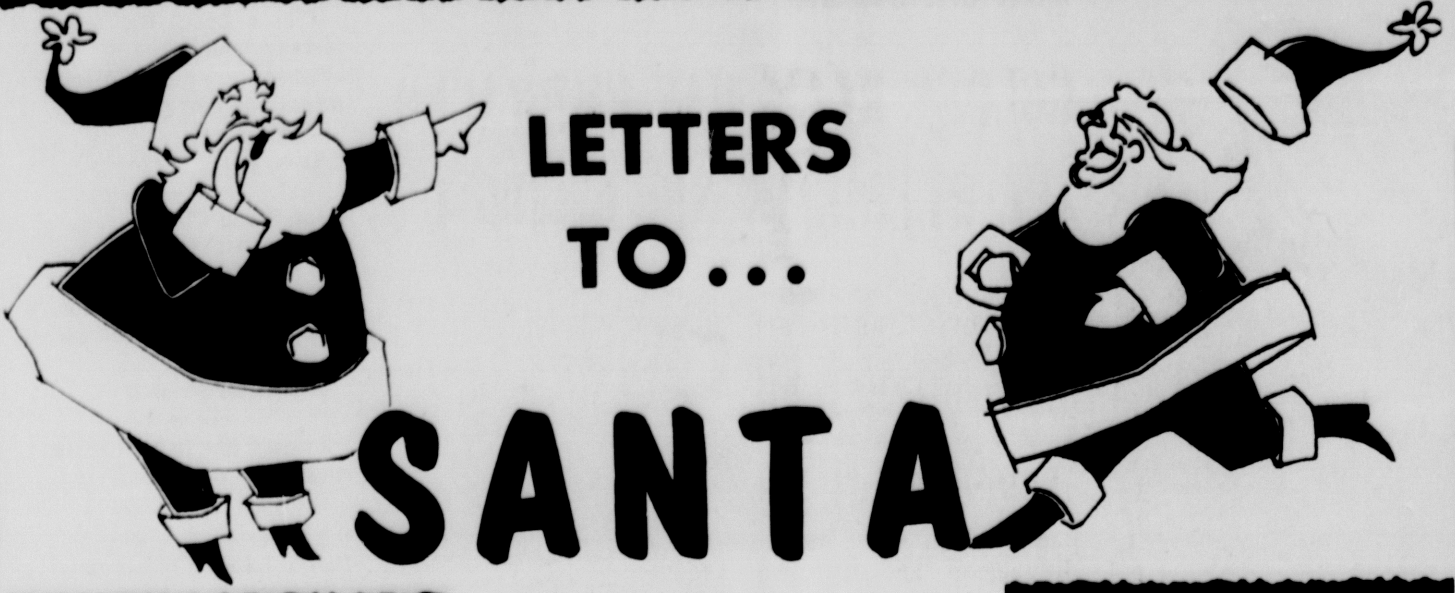
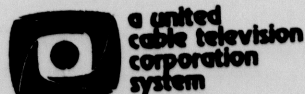
**Glad Tidings**

May your Christmas tree be bright  
with ornaments . . . and your heart  
be bright with love & laughter!

**Hamlin Board of  
Community Development**



**CABLE ELECTRONICS INC.**  
327 South Central  
Ruby Moore, office manager



LETTERS  
TO...

SANTA

Santy for Christmas I want  
Doll  
high chair  
Baby Bed  
Baby Carge  
love Jana Maddox  
I will leave you some milk  
Plese Write Back



choice of date  
of the Child's  
birth was a  
happy augury

The earliest source re-  
garding the exact date of  
the birth of Jesus:

The Christian era was  
calculated by the monk  
Dionysius Exiguus in the  
6th century after Christ.  
He placed Jesus' birth on  
Dec. 25 in the year 753 of  
Rome, and decided 754  
should be the first year of  
the Christian era. How-  
ever, Biblical scholars find  
his calculations in error  
and place the birth of  
Jesus at 4 B.C. or earlier.

In AD 274 the emperor  
Aurelian chose December  
25 because it is just after  
the winter solstice, or the  
shortest day of the year,  
and light once more starts  
to strengthen and gradu-  
ally flood more of the  
world for longer periods  
each day.

Besides, that date al-  
ready was a great holiday  
for the pagan Romans,  
and Christian leaders  
thought it proper to move  
in and take over an ac-  
cepted occasion.

What's more, no one  
knew the actual birth date  
of Jesus, since neither  
Scripture nor any contem-  
porary legend gave any  
precise information on it.

At some point before  
AD 336 the church at  
Rome accepted December  
25 as the day for com-  
memorating His birth,  
and so it has been ever  
since, although because of  
a difference in calendars,  
the Eastern church cele-  
bration and that of West-  
ern churches rarely co-  
incide.

In ancient Persia, De-  
cember 25th was celebrat-  
ed as the birthdate of the  
sun god, Mithras, who  
was believed to emerge  
from a rock three days  
after the winter solstice.  
A star seen by shepherds  
and Magi foretold his  
birth.

An Baby Carige and an  
doll, Santa Clase suit, rock  
policer, play stove and  
icebox, play horse, play  
zebra, hair brots, play  
telephone that realy rings,  
magice eight ball, play dog,  
B-B gun muchene, buckle  
Jody Jordan

Dear, Santa Claus  
I want for Christmas a 10  
speed bike and a bebbie gun.  
Your friend  
Willie Longoria Jr.  
Good Bye  
and a happy new year.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Gnip Gnop, Doll  
cradle, Talking Picture  
Phone, Softina Doll, Billy  
Goat Game, Tuff Stuff Play  
saw, and a Doll Bassinet  
and Sweet Cookie.  
Love,  
Lea Ann Allen

Robert Ledesma Christmas  
toys  
I want a bicke and a play  
rifle and throw darts.

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! My

name is Murray Hubbard,  
and I am 4 years old. For  
Christmas I would like to  
have rock'em sock'em  
robots, Steve Scout and Bob  
Scout, and Weeble West, and  
a jeep for G. I. Joe. I have  
been good, and I would like to  
say thank-you Santa.

Love,  
Murray

Dear Santa:

My name is Dee Jan  
Douglass. I live in Sand  
Springs. I am a good boy. I  
want a trail bike and weeble  
wooble and a dump truck. If  
you can't find a trail bike a  
orange bike with lightning  
seat would be fine. I need  
training wheels on bike as I  
am only 5 years old and can't  
ride a bike without training  
wheels. If you have too much  
whiskers I will have to come  
shave you. I love Santa  
Clause.

Love,  
Dee Jan

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old and have  
been a pretty good boy this  
year. I would like for you to  
bring me an Evil Kneivel Sky  
Cycle and an NFL sleeping  
bag and Xcelerator Road  
Racing Set. Please don't  
forget all the other little boys  
and girls this year and don't  
forget my cousin Brad in  
Eastland. I love you Santa.

Love,  
David Farnsworth

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike, some dishes  
and a dolly, a stove and a  
lunch box  
Nadine Gomez

Dear Santa,  
I want a farm with alot of  
things. Some little tractors  
and some little combines.  
Some candy and this is all.  
David Garcia

Dear Sante.  
How are You at this Time I  
do hope I have been a real  
good little boy I want You to  
bring me a ten speed bicycle  
for Xmas.  
You's turley  
Maurice

Dear Santa Clause,  
Please bring me a GI Joe  
and his jeep. I want some  
play binoculars and a robin  
and Joker doll. I would like to  
have a play family castle and  
a view master and the color  
reels.

Please bring my sisters  
some nice things, too. Our  
kitty would like a toy mouse.  
Love Kyle Hawes  
Rt. 2 Hamlin  
Golf course Rd.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl.  
Santa I want a Piano and  
Cloth's for Christmas. I hope  
I get them. You are nice.  
Thank you  
Celia Rivera

Dear Santa,  
I want a bisycle and a truck  
for christmas.  
Thank you  
Jenaro Mendoza Jr.

Dear Santa  
I would like to have a T.V.  
and a pair of boots I love you  
a safe trip See you Christmas.  
Love Raymond Jones



Guess who's wishing you a wonderful  
Christmas season? May the festive spir-  
it be yours throughout the holidays  
and after!

**DAIRY QUEEN**



May your fondest wish come true  
this Christmas! Greetings from

**PIED PIPER GROCERY**  
Ester and Dorothy Hastings  
and Steve

Season's Greetings

We're serving up  
best wishes to  
all our wonder-  
ful patrons . . . we  
hope the holiday  
season brings  
you the best of  
everything!



**BLUE BONNETT CAFE**  
GRACIE MABERRY  
We will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 24  
and will open at 5 a.m. Dec. 27.



We hope the blessings of the  
season abide with you and  
yours. Merry Christmas!

**McCOY FUNERAL HOME**  
Ralph and Jerry Ferguson

Merry Christmas



Coming  
your way  
with greetings  
of the season!

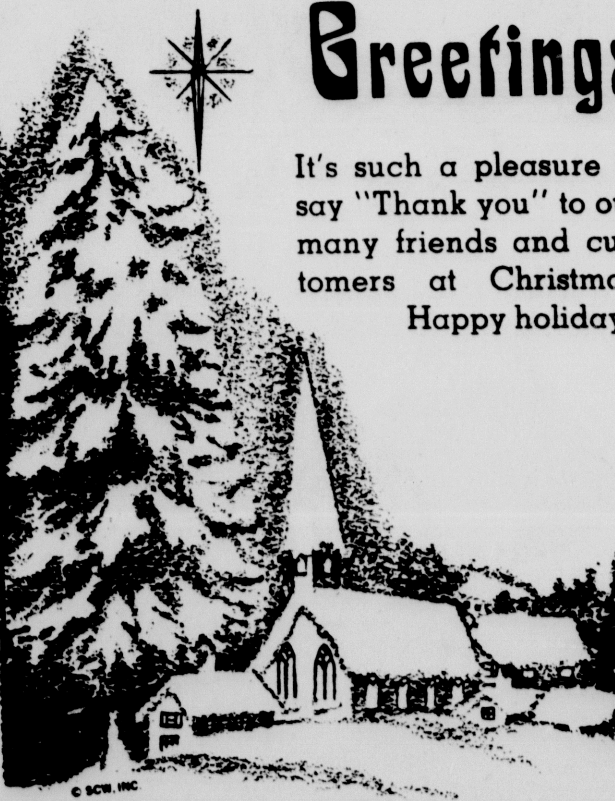
May it be lighted  
with both love and laughter!

**ALBRITTON MOTOR CO.**



May your Christmas tree be gay with  
decorations, and your home be  
bright with warmth & laughter!  
Sincere greetings from all of us at

**FRANK'S TV**  
Frank and Margaret Shearer  
Bill Foster



It's such a pleasure to  
say "Thank you" to our  
many friends and cus-  
tomers at Christmas.  
Happy holidays!

**CARLTON IMPLEMENT CO.**



# THE YULE LOG STORY

Remember those familiar scenes of men and horses pulling a freshly-cut log home o'er the snow from the forest? It was the Yule log, destined for a Christmas fireplace! It lighted up the house with a cheery glow, turned night into day, and made the holiday festivities so much gayer.

This custom, which is observed in many places, goes far back into pagan times, long before Christianity.

Our ancestors called it the Mid-Winter Fire Festival. It was held indoors because of the bad weather outside.

The Yule log, generally an oak tree, would be ceremoniously lighted from a fragment saved expressly for this purpose from the year before.

When the new log sent out its brilliant flames it was believed that the house and family would once again be protected against lightning and fires; that the cattle and grain fields would thrive, and all the earth would be fertile.



Here's hoping Santa has something special for you in his bag of gifts! Have a very merry Christmas, friends!

JOE HUDSPETH'S



## Marmee, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy Personified the Spirit of Giving in Story, "Little Women"

One of the most beloved stories in American literature is "Little Women", by Louisa May Alcott.

The Civil War-impo- verished March family — the four "Little Women" guid- ed by their courageous, firm yet kindly mother, Marmee, have won gener- ations of friends as the years go by.

'No better time to meet the March ladies, than at Christmas.

"'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents,' grumbled Jo, lying on the rug." (Jo, as you remember, was the "free spirit" among the girls, with an impulsive, outspoken way that some- times concealed a warm and loving heart.

"'It's so dreadful to be poor,' sighed Meg, looking down at her old dress.

'I don't think it's fair for some girls to have plenty of pretty things, and other girls nothing at all,' added little Amy, with an injured sniff.

'We've got father and mother and each other,' said Beth contentedly,

from her corner.

The four young faces on which the firelight shone brightened at the cheerful words, but dark- ened again as Jo said sadly:

'We haven't got father, and shall not have him for a long time.' She didn't say "perhaps never", but each silently added it, thinking of father far away, where the fighting was.

But somehow the girls rallied their spirits, and determined to make a show of being happy, even if each one had a lump in her throat, thinking of her father in combat, per- haps lying on the wet snow with only the cold muzzle of a rifle against his cheek.

They were thinking, too, of Marmee, so brave in the midst of these ad- versities, and who was the most selfless person any- one could know.

The girls decided to pool their meagre resources and buy their mother some presents. A dollar was all any of them had to spend; they had hoard- ed their pennies for months to build up a fund for something nice for Marmee. And they wanted it to be a surprise.

On Christmas morning they came downstairs to find that their mother had gone out on an errand of mercy — an occurrence all too common, in the eyes of their faithful friend

and servant, Hannah, long unpaid, but ever loyal.

The girls waited for an hour, growing hungrier and hungrier as they sniffed the aroma of buck- wheats coming from the kitchen.

Finally Marmee came back, but only to ask the girls to sacrifice their own wants and needs this Christmas morning, and help her carry a basket of good things to eat, along with firewood, to a cold and starving family near- by.

All the "little women" felt that this need was greater than theirs, so they gathered up the hot- cakes, the freshly baked muffins and the cream, and with Jo's arms heaped with firewood, the March- es made a Christmas morning visit to their neighbors' house.

Later, their own break- fast of only cold bread and milk seemed sufficient, be- cause their hearts were full of gratitude that, as poor as they were, they were able to help those un- fortunates.

As Marmee went into the kitchen to thank Han- nah, the girls decided that this was the moment to surprise their mother with the gifts.

Beth rushed to the old piano and played her "gay- est march" . . . "Amy threw open the door, and Meg enacted escort with great dignity. Mrs. March

was both surprised and touched; and smiled with her eyes full as she exam- ined her presents, and read the little notes which accompanied them. . . .

There was a good deal of laughing and kissing and explaining, in the sim- ple, loving fashion which makes these home festi- vals so pleasant at the time, so sweet to remem- ber long afterward. . . .

Before bedtime, Mar- mee gathered all the girls around her, and, taking a well-worn letter from her bosom, read to them ten- der words from husband and father.

As love encircled the family, across the miles,

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in spite of hardships, ev- been a nappy Christmas  
eryone agreed — it had Dav.

# Hi!

Just want to say that you're wished the best of holiday seasons! Thank you for your patronage in the past.



CLOUD'S CARPET STORE

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Cloud  
Hamlin



# Joyous Noel

At this holy time, we extend the blessings of the season to you and yours. May the peace of Christ abide within every heart.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. TURNER

MARY MARGARET AND BOBBY REED

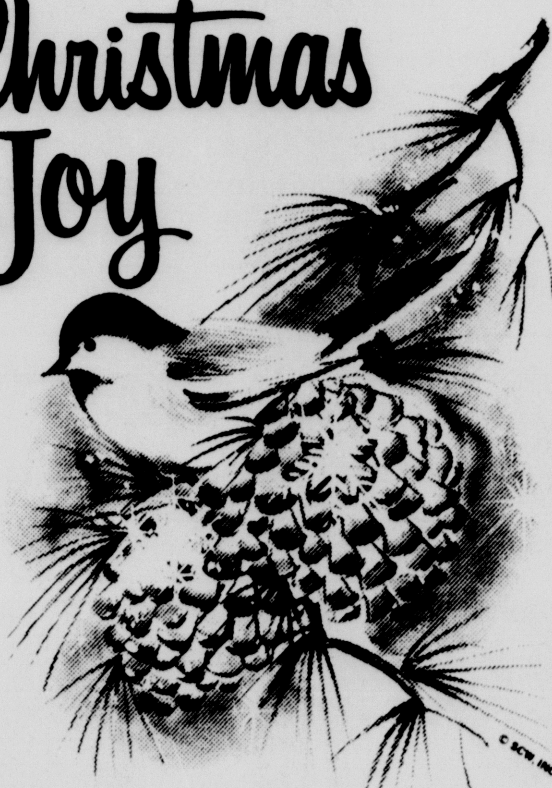
JAYNE AND MIKE FIELD



Here's a greeting that's really a "special!" That's because it's for you, our customers. You deserve the best of everything at Christmas and all year round!

J.R.B. SUPER MARKET

# Christmas Joy



During this most wonderful season of the year, we wel- come the opportunity to ex- tend our best wishes to all!

NEINDA COOP GIN

Bill Scott, Manager

Route 1, Hamlin

# Season's Greetings

We want to wish you a very merry Christmas!



ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

LUMBERMEN  
Hamlin, Texas



Merry Christmas!



We're never out of good wishes for you, our patrons, at this most joyous time! Happy holidays!

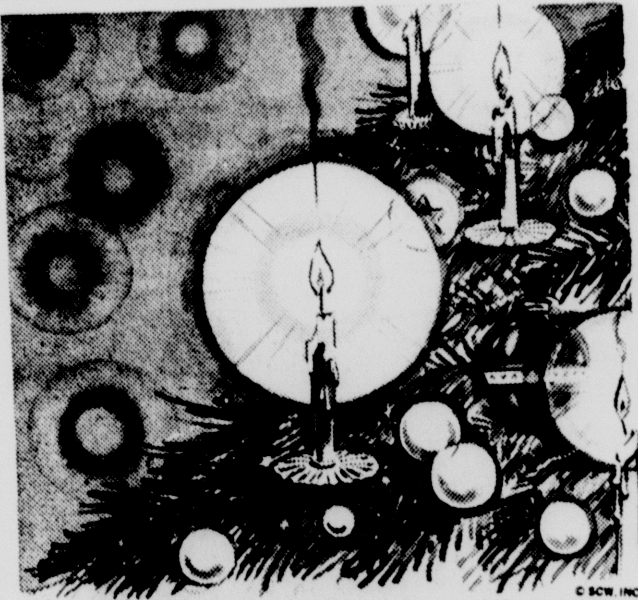
**SAULS' GULF**  
Bill and Recie Sauls

Christmas  
Cheer!



Hope you find just what you've wanted under the holiday tree... and may your Yule be merry!

**WATERHOLE NO. 3**



We hope your home and heart will be filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad Holiday season—  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

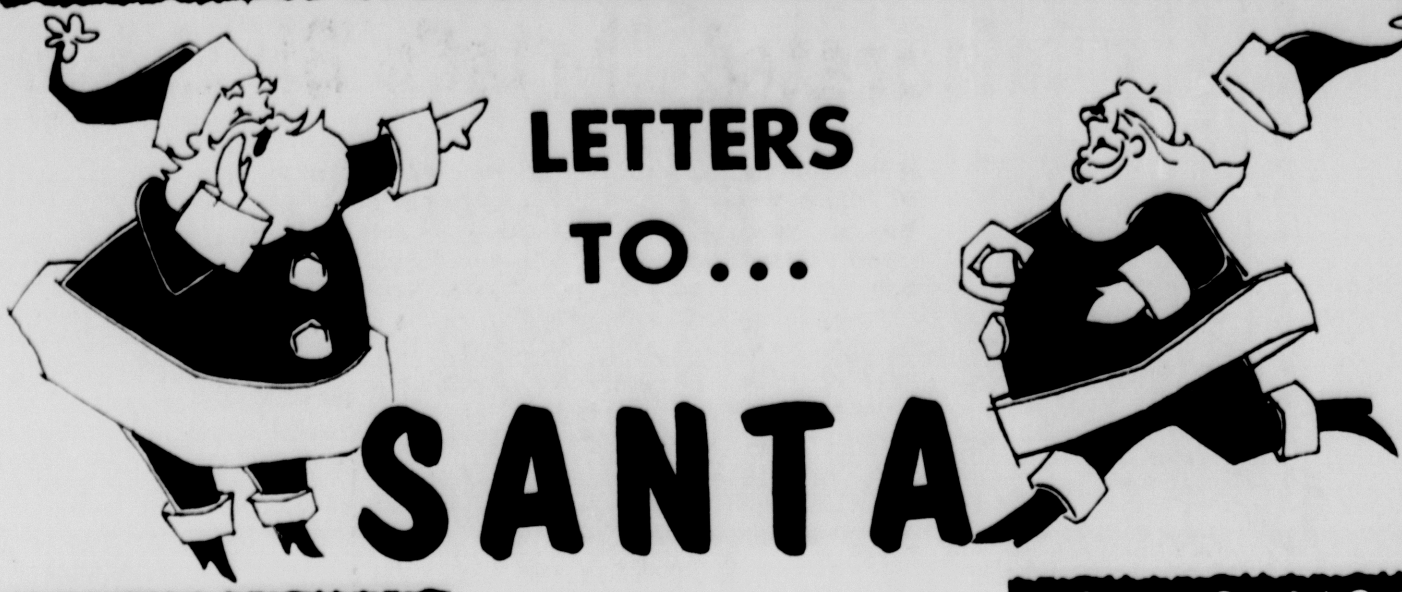
**L. C. Bonds Family**

PEACE

Let us strive for lasting friendship with our fellow men, now and after Christmas.

**TEXACO, INC.**

Paul Cooper, Consignee



LETTERS  
TO...

SANTA

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a Rock-em-Sock-em Robot, a football and a football locker. I also want an electric blanket. Shanna would like a baby doll, but she can't write yet.  
Your friend,  
Weldon Spalding

Dear Santa  
I would like to have a doll, Jewelry Box, Record Player and a Bicycle.  
Thank you  
Love Sharon Woolf

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a rub-a-dub Doll, a Barbie's townhouse and a Barbie's Beach Bus a Barbie and also the sunshine Family House or Just surprise me. I like your Surprises. I Love You  
Susie Waldrop

Dear Santa Claus  
For this Christmas I want a jumping rope. And pants suits. And Boots And I think this is all. And I hope you can bring them All.  
Love Your Friend,  
Patricia Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl, all through the year. I would like a talking doll and some dishes and a play stove. My brothers would like a play house, and a talking doll. Thank you Santa! And Merry Christmas!  
Vicky Barrera

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a B. B. gun, a flashlight, a G. I. Joe, a vertibird, and a petal tractor.  
Thank you.  
Eric Kieschnick

Dear Santa Claus  
The Things I want are: an evil Kinevel, Police Car, and a Tonka. I want to share Them with my Friends. I Think I have Been Good. I don't Know if you Know I have.  
Max Reyes

Dear Santa,  
Me name is James I Am 6 years-old. I would Like a bike, And An Evel Knivel Set, a Racing Car set.  
That's All I want for Christmas.  
Love,  
James Derell Cork

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a gun and Spurs. Also a Road Race set and banana seat. My little brother wants a backhoe loader and a gun. Thank you,  
Buddy Lee Watson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll and Some play dishes My sisters wants the Same. My brother wants a little play car. Happy Christmas,  
Ida Mae Jeffrey

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a b-b gun if you think I am old enough. I would also like a red wagon and a Cat in the Bag Please bring Baby Alive for my little sister Casey.  
Thank you very much Santa.  
Love,  
Brooks Eoff

Dear Santa Claus  
for Christmas I want A fire truck. And a Police Car  
Yours truly  
Gabriel Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
I would like a red coat and a coloring book for Christmas. I would also like some crayons. I hope you have a very merry Christmas.  
Thank you,  
Idella Hunter

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good little girl this year. I would like to have a Barbie's Town House and a Rub a Dub Dolly. I would also like a record player, a Barbie's Beach Bus, a play cash register, a electric, Raggedy Ann tooth brush Thank you very much.  
Love  
Gina Bond

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Krazy Kar, Sit'n Spin, Big Mouth Singers, Weebles West, Puppy Book, Pop Up Hide and Seek Book. Please bring all my friends some toys.  
Love,  
Robin



Our "sole" desire is for you to have a wonderful holiday season!

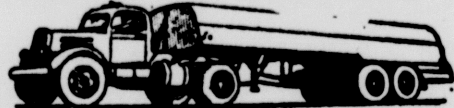
**JOHN'S BOOT & SADDLE SHOP**

338 South Central

Hamlin, Texas



As nature sparkles in her new white raiment, we think of those who have been good friends.

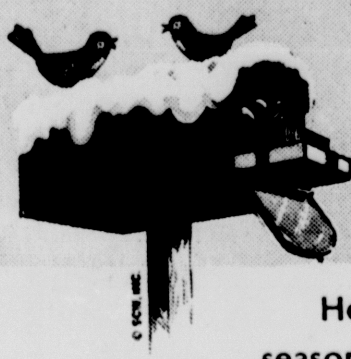


**A. E. KILLION TANK TRUCKS, INC.**



Imagine the joy the shepherds felt, on hearing the glad tidings! We wish that joy to you and yours.

**O. H. WEAVER TEXACO**



HOLIDAY  
CHEER!

Hope your Yuletide season is filled with joy!

**HAMLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**POLICE CHIEF ED WHEAT**

Ptl. Ronnie Hill  
Ptl. Richard Mullins  
Ptl. Jerry Farnsworth  
Ptl. Phil Standefer  
Ptl. Louis Stinnett

Ruby Robertson  
Kathy Farmer  
Linda Witt  
Melvin Keener



**ELMER MARTIN**

State Representative, District 61

My wife Billie joins me in wishing you a Merry Christmas. May your holidays be filled with gladness.



Merry  
Christmas!

Here's an old-fashioned greeting from all of us to all our friends!

**PIPER CAR WASH**

Jack and C. L. White  
Try our Cold Weather Stall

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Fresh from us to you... greetings of the season. We hope the Yule holidays are happy in every way!

**PIED PIPER MILLS, INC.**

SEASON'S  
BEST



May love light your way, and friends bring a glow to your life.

**CONNALLY FORD SALES**

47 E. LAKE DRIVE



# How A Poor Pioneer Family Celebrated Christ's Birthday



"Christmas was coming. The little log house was almost buried in snow. Great drifts were banked against the walls and windows, and in the morning when Pa opened the door, there was a wall of snow as high as Laura's head".

A paragraph from Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved "Little Books" — true accounts of the pioneer life that the writer experienced, from her 6th to 18th years in the 1870s and 1880s; her restless father moved his family from a Wisconsin forest to Indian Territory to Minnesota and finally to the Dakota Territory.

The books were published between 1935 and 1943.

The family endured many hardships — bitter-cold winters as well as stifling summer heat. They lived first in a log cabin, later in a dugout by the creek, then, later in shacks — wherever fate (and Father) moved them. They went through cyclones, droughts, plagues of cicadas, yet the Ingalls family shared love and faith in each other, and they always celebrated the birthday of the Christ Child.

For a Christmas in the big woods, when the house was blanketed with snow, Ma baked bread, beans, cookies . . . distilled vinegar and baked dried apple pies! Truly a doughy soul. They entertained relatives . . . Aunt Eliza and Uncle Peter and the cousins who arrived on Christmas Eve on their big bobsled, sleigh bells ringing.

Some other Ma and Pa would have thrown up their hands at the sight of them — maybe got the shotgun off the cabin wall and picked them off from a window — but not the Ingalls! They shared their good things — the children slept in a row on the floor — the grown-ups, wherever they could find space.

red knitted mittens and a less appeal. They contain stick of red-and-white striped mint candy. Guess who the Christmas Fairy was? She must have earned her reward in heaven, but that Christmas Day she received all the reward she wanted, in the surprise and happiness expressed by every child.

In the Ingalls family the little Christ Child dwelled, not only on His birthday, but every day.

For Laura, the smallest child, there was also a homemade rag doll with black button eyes, black yarn hair and a dress of pink and blue calico — a doll "so beautiful that Laura could not say a word."

On other Christmases there were no presents. The Ingalls family were lucky to have their lives. However, Ma had saved a bundle of "Youth's Companions" that had been sent them by long-delayed mail or via a passerby. While the light lasted they read the stories. Pa even managed to buy the store's last two cans of oysters, so their Christmas dinner had a festive quality.

All the "Little Books" tales are fascinating, and you can be sure that the adults who gave them to children made a point to read them first. The stories have an ageless, time-

## Christmas Music

I do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear the full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral, and filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony.

— Washington Irving (1819)

## YULE LOG

Come, bring with a noise,  
My merrie, merrie boys,  
The Christmas log to the  
firing.

— Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

## Forecast

Hours of sun on Christmas Day,  
So many frosts in the month of May.



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

All wrapped up for you . . . our best wishes for your merriest, most prosperous Christmas of all!

## FRANK'S

HAMLIN'S LEADING DEPARTMENT STORE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1974, PAGE 9  
Dear Santa  
I wish I had a bike and I Love you very much. I have been a good boy. So will you bring it to me.  
Your's Truly  
Stephen Brown

P. O. Box 303  
Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Clause  
I haven't been a real good girl this year. But I promise to do better next year. Please bring a Dairy Queen Doll, a Baton, some dishes, and a baby buggy. Please Bring my

mother and grandmother some thing nice for Xmas. Thank you  
April Walker  
Merry Xmas to All

624 N. E. Ave. B.  
Hamlin Texas  
Dearest Santa Claus,  
My name is Tommy D. Chase I am also a first grade. Santa Clause I would like a watch, another bycle, a crash-up car set, may be a large truck.  
Thank you  
Santa Claus



# Joy

## TO ALL

We're ringing in with the best of wishes to one and all...may your holidays be happy, healthy and prosperous!

THE CELOTEX CORPORATION

HAMLIN PLANT

# Season's Greetings



As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, we pray that His peace will abide with all.

## TURNER INSURANCE AGENCY

J. C. TURNER LA VERNE HUNTER JOYE CARY



We've been shopping around for a good way to express our wishes to you at this holiday season . . . and "Merry Christmas" seems to say it best!

## THRIF-TEE SUPER MARKET

LUTHER AND MARTHA HAUGHT

# Peace On Earth

Once more the message of Christmas shines in men's hearts . . . "Peace on earth, good will toward men!" Our sincere hope is that this holy season may find a world at peace.

## HOWARD DRUG CO.

AND EMPLOYEES



Dear Santa Clause:  
I decide that it time for me to write you for my christmas list. Santa I hope that you are making it allright. Because I want a Monday night football set, a gun, a train set. And when you arrive at my house there will be cookie and milk awaiting for you.  
Love  
Vincent



**Greetings**

It's nice to have so many friends! Here's hoping you have the merriest of holidays and gifts galore!

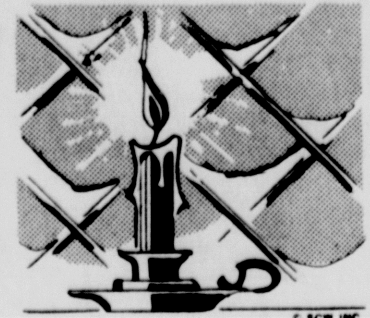
**WHITE'S STORE**

Byron and Neoma Bell      Rodger and Jill Bell

## Legends Of Long Ago

### Candles

Christmas candles are left burning in windows in many countries to light the Christ Child on his way, and to draw friendly travelers in for rest and refreshment. But to make sure that no undesirable or evil visitors come in, a candle can be left burning on the hearth with salt sprinkled thickly around.



### Who Will Rule?

Holly and ivy are grown in practically all countries of the world, and they are widely used as Christmas decorations. In one Yuletide legend, holly is considered to be "male" and ivy "female." Whichever is brought into the house first tells who will rule the house during the year.



### TREE LEGEND

One of the many legends about the Christmas tree tells of Martin Luther wandering through the woods on Christmas Eve and marveling at the stars shining through the branches of the fir trees. Inspired by the sight, he cut a fir tree for his family, set it up, and lighted it with candles to represent the stars.

A Norse legend tells how an arrow of mistletoe was used to kill the young god Baldur, who was protected against all injuries



Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl, I help my sisters clean the house. I would like for you to bring me some dishes, and some dresses for my sisters, and for me. Please bring a football for my brothers. Bring a little dollhouse for my baby sister.

And I want a doll that talks and walks and eats, and a play iron and a little play house. And Don't worry I'll be a nice girl all threw the year  
Your friend  
Alma Gloria Barrera  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus  
I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a big Raggedy Ann Doll and a Disney Table set.  
Thank you very much.  
Maria Ysabel Tamez

that came from the four elements. Mistletoe, which does not spring directly from air, fire, water or earth had the power to destroy him. However, the gods restored Baldur to life and his mother, Freyja, who was goddess of love and beauty, decreed that mistletoe should be a symbol of peace and that whoever passed beneath it would receive her kiss.



Rosemary, dedicated to remembrance, is almost forgotten. In earlier days its silvery fragrance mingled with that of the holly, mistletoe and ivy in every home.

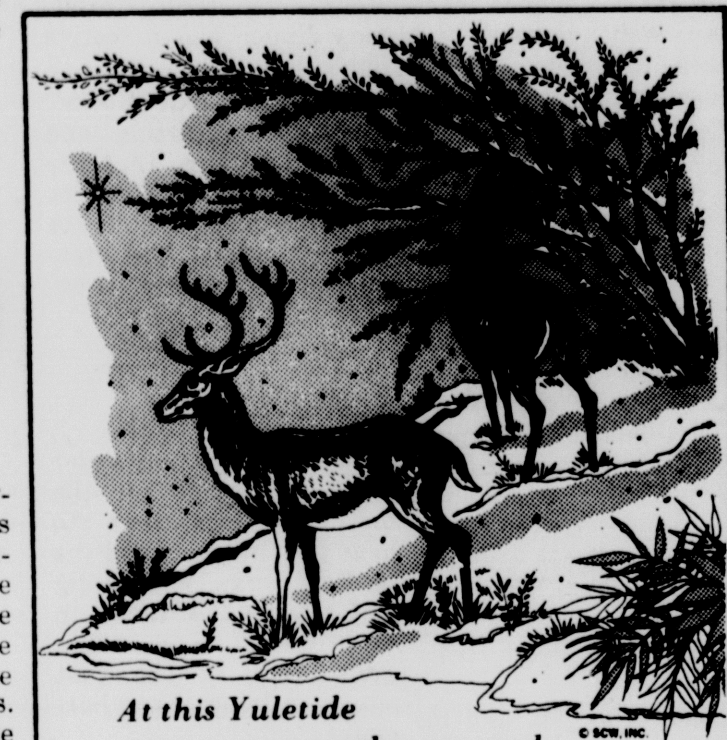
There are two variations to the Christmas legend concerned with rosemary. In one story, when the Christ Child's laundry was spread over a rosemary bush to dry, the

plant instantly became evergreen and aromatic. In another version, it was the Virgin's blue cape that was spread to dry, and the white flowers of the herb became blue.

### Onion Custom

A Swiss farm custom foretells the weather for the year: On Christmas Eve a large onion is cut in half, then 12 layers peeled off carefully and each marked with the name of one month. Salt is then poured into each of the 12 onion cups. On Christmas morning the onion sections are examined. Dry salt indicates a fair month; wet salt, rainy weather.

Pennsylvania Germans during the holidays speak of *Pelznickel*. He is, in part, like Santa Claus with fur trimming on his clothes and a white beard. He carries bags of toys for good children and switches with which he lightly taps bad children.



At this Yuletide season, we extend to you and yours, our thanks for your patronage, and very best wishes.

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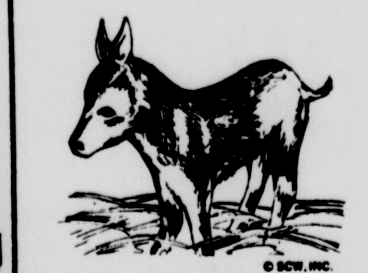
## St. Francis said to have assembled 1st crib scene

Much is made of the Nativity Scene in Christian homes at Christmas-time. Over the centuries worshippers have expressed their devotion by creating the figures of Joseph, the Virgin Mary, the Christ-Child in His rudely fashioned crib, and the beasts of the field which according to legend surrounded the Holy Birth inside the manger.

Great artists have carved the figures from fine woods, sculpted them of precious metal and other materials, which have become treasured works for the world to admire.

St. Francis of Assisi had much to do with our modern Christmas traditions.

For one thing he is said to have assembled, in AD 1224, the first Nativity scene, using live people, live oxen and live donkeys. Franciscan churches still continue to make of this an illuminating seasonal custom.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 12th and Los Angeles Sts., in Los Angeles, California has done so for many years.

St. Francis also popularized the tradition of Christmas caroling, it is said. When villagers came to see his Nativity arrangement, he led them in "joyous caroling."

Now, of course, such caroling is done by roving groups of singers from countless churches and other organizations each Christmas, but the idea is the same — to express in song one's gratitude at the joyous occasion of Christmas.

To Santa from Lydia 11-21-74

Hamlin, Texas  
Zip 79520  
Street N. W. 2nd  
adrees 1006

Dear Santa  
I want a doll and its name is new Chaty Quick curl that you can fix her hair and I want a toy box and that is all.  
Your freind  
Lydia Ribera  
THE END

Dear Santa  
I have been a good Boy Please Bring me a Dump Truck, G. I. Joe's Training Center and Big Jim  
Love  
George Scifres

Dear Santa.  
I want a Baby crissy And a Black Board. Robby wants tonka Toys.  
We have Been good.  
Love, Tricia and Robby  
Kiser

Dear Santa.  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Little car, and some guns. Bring my brothers something to.  
Jackie Gardner

Dear Santa Claus  
I want many things, but I know that you can't bring me everything I want Just a bicycle for my brother and I.  
Sonja Martinez



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**FARNSWORTH GARAGE**





Dear Santa,  
My name is Connie Holden  
and this is what I want for  
Christmas, a Shetland pony a  
cowboy suit and a sewing  
machine.  
Thank you  
Connie

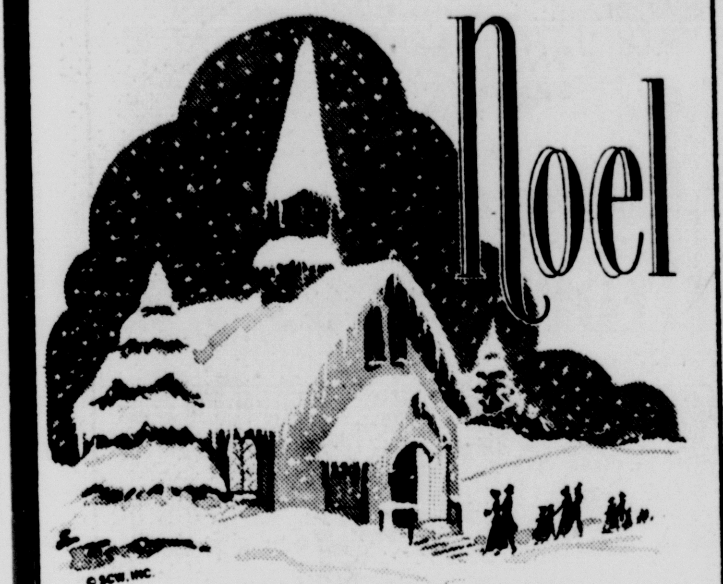
age is 6 years old.  
I have been a good boy and  
I would like for you to bring  
me a big red fire engine.  
Thank you very much.  
Love  
Martin Farnsworth

Dear Santa Claus  
I am 7 years Old What I'd  
Like is a foot ball Suit,  
Bike, Wagon, Air Plants, And  
Clothes.  
Love  
Leroy Piske

Dear Santa Claus  
My Name is T. J. Robins I  
am 7 years old. For Christ-  
mas I want a wagon, cars,  
Trucks, Bike and gun. I have  
a little Brother Name Rodney  
and he wants a trick gun-  
wagon and cars.  
Love T. J. Robins

Dear Santa Claus,  
I Love you. My name is  
Martin Farnsworth and my

Joe Gonzalez  
Dear Santa Claus  
My name is Joe and I want



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the Infant Jesus upon you and  
your loved ones at Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. James E. Harrison  
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To our many fine  
customers. May your Holiday  
Season be full of happy blessings  
and the joys of Christmas cheer.

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a GI Joe for christmas And I  
also want an electric train  
too.

Dear Santa Clause.  
I Want a drowsey doll. a  
Pair of roller Skates. a  
bicycle a Purse and Some  
Clothes and a Play dough  
Fire truck  
Love Marcie Ferguson.

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a Big Wheel. I want  
a tractor Tonka toy. And  
some socks and two pairs of  
pants. And one green shirt  
and one white.  
But don't forget to get  
something for the poor  
people.  
Love Eric

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll,  
teddy bear, new bed, a play  
monkey and a wagon. o'-yes,  
and some shoes  
Love  
Tracy Goode

1002 N. W. 1st  
Hamlin, Texas 79520  
Dear Santa,  
How are you? My name is  
Michael Shaun Howerton.  
Would you Please bring Me a  
Monday Nite Football game.  
Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love Michael

Dear Santa,  
My brothers and I have  
been good part of the time.  
Please bring me a bike.  
Bring Alan a big wheel and  
Brian a rocking horse.  
Thank You,  
Mark Carter

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I  
would like for Santa Clause to

bring Me A bike to Ride, and  
A Toy Sewing Machine for  
Christmas.  
Teresa Lee

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a  
barbie doll, a slinky toy, a  
bicycle, and some goodies  
too.  
Love  
Becky Chavez

Dear Santa,  
I would love to get for  
Christmas a Baby alive,  
Baby tender love and a  
record player.  
Thank you,  
Kim Weaver.

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I  
have been a good boy. I would  
like a guitar, backhoe, and a  
dump truck.  
David Brown

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Dymaite Beach  
House. a Bean Bag Chair  
Some Games a set of dishes  
and Candy and nuts.  
Love  
Tonyia Turner

Dear Santa Cluse.  
For Christmas I want a  
Doll and a train.  
Yours truly  
Mary Ruiz

## famous Austrian boys' choir evokes Christmas memories

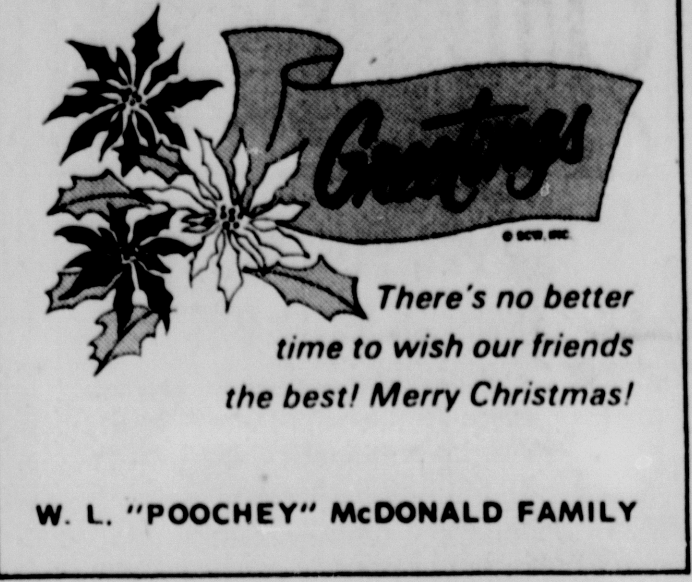
Many Americans have  
listened with pleasure to  
the Vienna Boys' Choir,  
which makes appearances  
as a cherished and regular  
part of the Christmas sea-  
son. But few realize that  
this choir has a history  
steeped in tradition . . .  
in fact, it dates back to  
over four and a half cen-  
turies to Columbus' time.  
In 1498 Emperor Maxi-  
milian I of the Hapsburgs  
dynasty ordered a court  
aide to arrange for a sing-  
ing group to perform in  
the Court Chapel in Vien-  
na. The boys were care-  
fully selected and made  
wards of the state which  
assumed responsibility for  
their education as well as  
room and board.  
As boys, several famous  
musicians were members  
of the Choir . . . among  
them, Josef Haydn, Franz  
Schubert, Beethoven, Mo-  
zart, Liszt and Bruckner.  
Today the Choir in-  
cludes four separate sing-  
ing groups which rotate  
on the concert circuit, one  
always remaining at home  
to sing at the Court Chap-  
el where service is per-  
formed today as it was in  
the Emperor Maximilian's  
time. The different choirs  
travel all over the world;  
naturally, boys are anx-  
ious to join, but less than  
ten percent of those who  
apply can meet the Choir's  
rigid standards. Age  
groups are in the 7-15  
range, involving the usual  
boys' high jinks, but when  
they sing, they are said to  
rival the angels. This is  
due to the uncompromis-  
ing discipline of their mus-  
icianship, and rules of de-  
portment. Within the  
sphere of their perform-  
ances they are true pro-  
fessionals with an artist-  
ry which the whole world  
enjoys.

**Yule Cheer**  
Heap on more wood! —  
the wind is chill;  
But let it whistle as it  
will,  
We'll keep our Christmas  
merry still.  
— Sir Walter Scott  
(1771-1832)



Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I  
would like you to bring me a  
big Barbie house, a Miss Pat  
doll and a lot of nice things for  
my sister. Come early and  
eat supper with us.  
Love, Rachel Welch

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl  
some of the Time and I would  
like a doll that has pretty long  
hair and bring my Two  
sisters Some Toys Too. Love  
you,  
Peggy Romero



**CHRISTMAS**

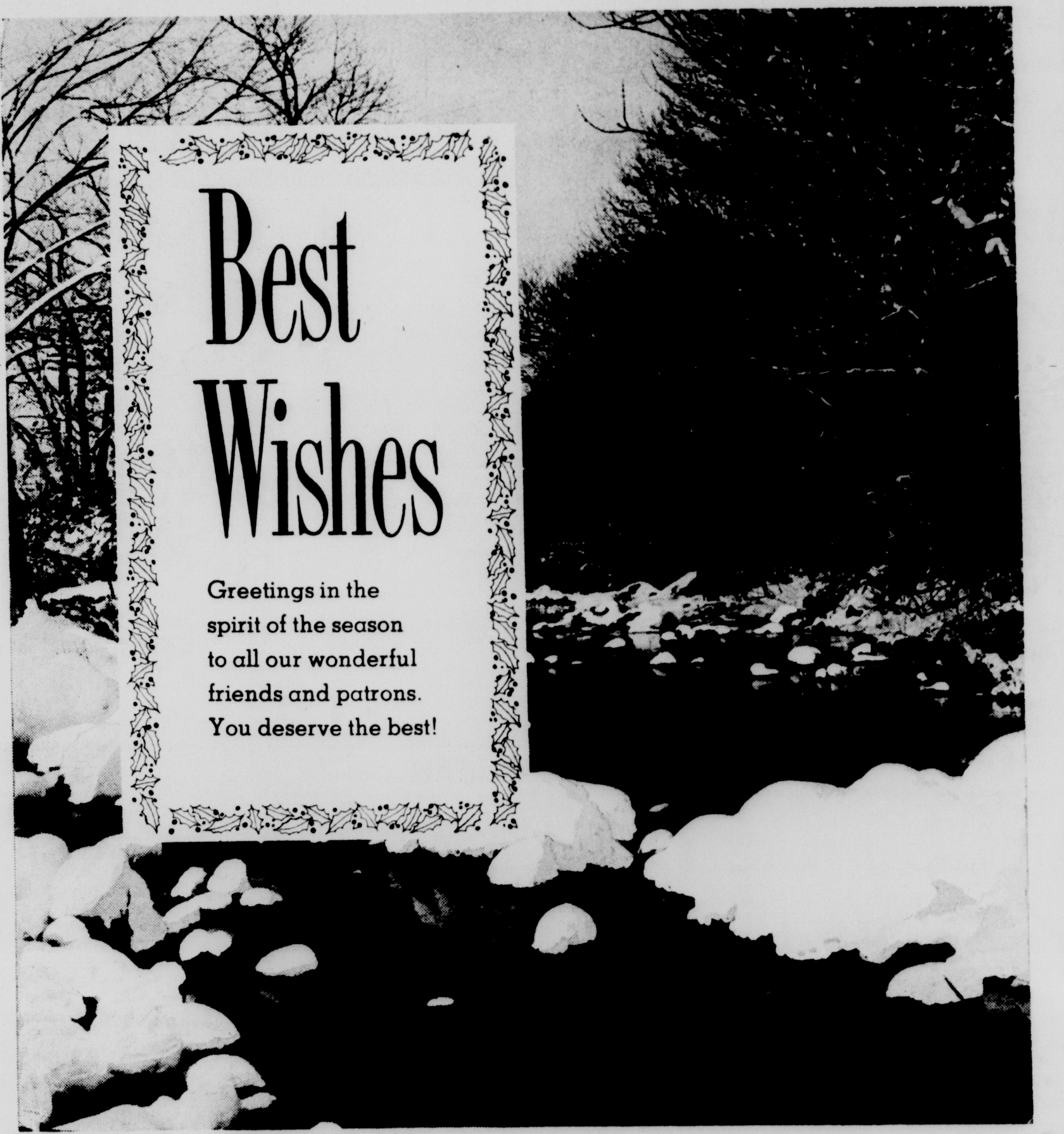
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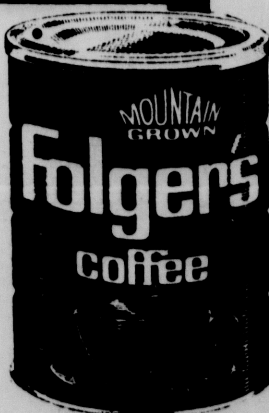
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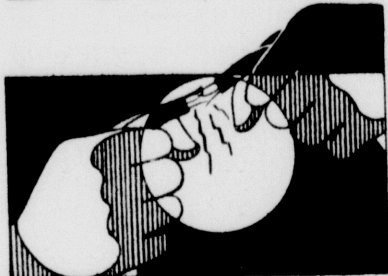


We wish to extend our holiday  
greetings to you and your family as you gather  
in celebration.



# Will you spend your Holidays in the Hospital?

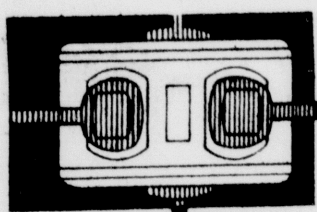
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### ...TAKE ANY CHANCES!

Be sure the equipment you use is safe. Inspect that ladder before you climb it. Use the proper tools. Don't nail through electrical wires when hanging holiday lights.

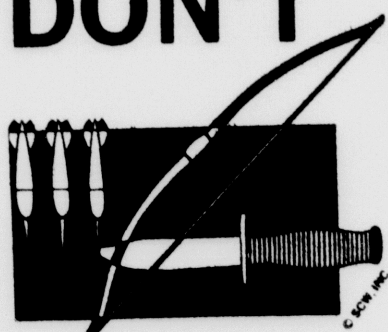
## DON'T



### ...OVERLOAD THE SOCKETS!

Overloading electrical sockets can cause a dangerous fire hazard—so don't add extra extension outlets. Check for frayed, broken or bent wires to prevent fire and shock.

## DON'T



### ...GIVE CHILDREN DANGEROUS TOYS

Check those toys! Are they approved? Look for sharp edges and points. Check for hidden sharp wires and staples. Avoid toys that heat up and toys that shoot.



## The Christmas and New Year holidays are the most dangerous times of the year . . .

It's a dangerous season because it's a confusing season. People are busy, running about and their minds are preoccupied with many thoughts about many things. There's the rush of Christmas shopping and holiday parties. There's memories of past years... some sweet, others bitter. There's financial problems, streets crowded with traffic and packed stores. It all adds up to pressure. So somebody will drink a little too much at the office party and drive home. Someone else will run a stop sign because their at-

tention was on their problems rather than on the road. And everybody gets careless. Homes burn down because of that and household and occupational accidents increase. People are injured. People die during the holiday season due to the pressures of Christmas and the New Year. So this year, take it easy. Relax and enjoy yourself, but keep extra alert and practice sensible safety rules in your home, at work and on the road. And look out for those who don't. Don't spend your holidays in the hospital.

## DON'T



### ...DRINK AND DRIVE!

Alcohol and gasoline is a fatal mixture, so if you drink, don't drive. Keep alert for the drunk driver, especially during the holidays. Don't become one of his victims.

## DON'T



### ...PUT GIFTS NEAR FIRES!

During the holidays it's great to have a roaring fire in your fireplace. But make sure it stays there. Keep the tree and gifts away from the fireplaces and heaters.

## DON'T



### ...LET YOUR TREE DRY OUT!

Keep your tree in a basin of water and don't let it dry out. Don't let lights touch the needles and use only fireproof decorations. Spray your tree with a fire retardant mixture.

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FOR SALE—All new three bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Now ready to move in. Phone 576-3266.

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INDIVIDUAL will buy acreage from owner. Cash or terms. Write: Box 583, Arlington, Texas 76010, giving all particulars and best price. Phone 214-827-4916.

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Miscellaneous

THE HAMLIN JAYCEES meet Wednesday 8 p.m., at the Jaycee Building.

RENT the Jaycee Community Building for parties, family reunions and special occasions. Call Jerry Smith 576-3638.

Xi Gamma Pi Yule Party Held Thursday

Xi Gamma Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bryant for the annual Christmas party. Mrs. C. W. Griggs, chairman of the social committee, was in charge of arrangements. Refreshments were served from a buffet. Gifts for high score were presented to winners of Bridge and 42.

Those attending were Mmes. and Messrs. Cliff Reynolds, Bob McKissack, Leldon Clifton, Jack Willingham, Tim Jones, James Harrison, Leroy Smith, Arlie Cassle, W. T. Johnson, Gerald Young, Weldon Griggs, John C. Bryant, Cecil Sellers and a guest, Teola Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro Villarreal are parents of a girl, Christy Diane, 6 lbs. ½ oz. born Dec. 16 at 1:58 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Francisco M. Guerra of Abilene are parents of a girl, Francine Annie, 7 lbs. 12 oz. born Dec. 18 at 9:12 p.m.

Men's Class Hosts Party For Lodge

A Christmas Party for residents of Holiday Lodge was given Thursday evening by The Men's Bible Class of First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Howard Jones, teacher, gave the devotional. E. A. Hewett led the singing of Christmas carols and sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art." Mrs. Andy Brown played the piano.

Rev. Jones requested that members of the class provide gifts for the residents rather than a gift being given to him. A committee from the Homemakers Sunday School Class purchased and wrapped the gifts. Mrs. Melvin Scott was chairman. Men from the class distributed gifts to every resident including bed patients.

Refreshments furnished by Naomi Sunday School Class were served by members of the Phebean and Homemakers classes.

Mrs. Robert Christian, activities director at the lodge, coordinated plans for the party.

Phebean Class Holds Party

Phebean Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. J. A. George Dec. 17 for their Christmas party.

Mrs. George was assisted by Mrs. C. R. Crowley as co-hostess.

Mrs. Cleo Perryman, outreach leader, presided. Mrs. T. C. Gregory gave the devotional.

Mrs. Joe Cowan presented the story of "The Other Wiseman."

Mrs. Crowley gave the closing prayer.

In lieu of a Christmas gift exchange, the members placed money in a carpet fund for their classroom.

Refreshments were served. Others present were Mrs. Henry Albritton, W. H. Carter, Erma Hall, O. G. Harvey, A. Branscum and Lucy Mickler.

Salad Supper Held Tuesday

The monthly ladies salad supper was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ Tuesday night. Room decorations carried out the Christmas theme.

Tables were set with red tablecloths lined with greenery, berries and Christmas candles with a flower arrangement accenting the head table.

Speaker for the supper was Mrs. Bobby Self who spoke on "Inner Happiness and How to Acquire It." She encouraged everyone to constantly give of

themselves to acquire and know happiness.

Hostesses were Mmes. H. R. Daniell, Bob Tegart and Bobby Self. Twenty-two ladies attended.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

In Hospital Monday:  
L. B. Maberry  
Kayla Mehaffey  
Lena Thomas  
Jack Fletcher  
Mrs. A. A. Hackley  
Mrs. Joe Baldivia  
Fred Jay  
Mrs. W. L. Maynard  
Mrs. Steve Reynolds  
Elmo Bellah  
Loy Nelson  
Beatrice Kemp  
Bill Kelley  
Dismissed Dec. 18—22:  
Mrs. Ronnie Clemons  
Steve Austin  
Mrs. Frank Guerra  
Ralph Hallum  
Vernon W. Early, Sylvester  
Tammy May, Rotan  
H. R. Daniels

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parramore of Winters are parents of a boy, Russell Lee, 7 lbs. ½ oz. born Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vaughan. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parramore of Winters are paternal grandparents. Great-grandparents are Mrs. H. E. Black of Hamlin and Mrs. A. F. Pinson of Warsaw, England and Mrs. Parramore of Winters.

Andrew T. McComack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew T. McComack, 149 Avenue F, Hamlin, Tex., was promoted to Army Specialist six while serving as a radio repairman in the 6th Maintenance Company in Crailsheim, Germany.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Frazier are parents of a boy, Michael Paul, 8 lbs. 2 oz. born Dec. 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Stamford Memorial Hospital. The couple has a daughter, Dawn Denice, 4. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Goodwin. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin W. Frazier of Philadelphia, Pa., are paternal grandparents.

uable as a medicine. No longer used in medicine, frankincense remains valued today as a base for perfumes.

CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, his precepts! O! 'tis easier to keep holidays than commandments.

— Benjamin Franklin (1732)

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Annual meeting of the members of Sweetwater Savings Association shall be held at its main office, 208 Elm Street, Sweetwater, Texas, on January 9, 1975, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.



# FROM THE FILES . . .

## FIFTY YEARS AGO (December 26, 1924)

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Boyd of Slaton are here to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Walton. Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyd also returned last week from Stanton to be at home Christmas.

The big poultry show that was to have been held here last week, Dec. 19 and 20 was frozen out, for the time being. Zero weather is not a good temperature for show chickens. So those in charge postponed the show till Jan. 17 and 18. Those who want to see good poultry will do well to keep this date in mind. Bring your chickens and turkeys.

Charlie Conatsers store at Royston was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin about 3:00 o'clock Tuesday morning.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO (December 24, 1954)

Hamlin's city street paving program has really taken shape during the past several days as curb and gutter and street paving base has been carried out on several blocks of city streets.

Six new directors for the ensuing year of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce will be elected in balloting that is being conducted through the mail this week and next by the civic organization.

Mrs. Lee R. Howard and little daughter, Terry, who have been making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, for the past 11 months, are leaving Dec. 23 to join their husband and father in Japan. Lieutenant Howard was sent to Korea in February and back to Japan in October.

Hamlin post office will be closed Friday afternoon and all day Saturday in order to give postal employees a repast from labors for Christmas holidays.

Singers and those who like to hear good singing are reminded that the Haskell and Jones County singing will be conducted Sunday afternoon at Swenson Avenue Baptist Church in Stamford.

More than 1,100 Hamlin School children left their classes at the five schools of the district Wednesday

afternoon and will not return until Monday, Jan. 3.

## TEN YEARS AGO (December 24, 1964)

Tommy L. Sewell, 20, whose wife, Carol lives at 230 S. W. Avenue D, completed a seven-week armor truck vehicle mechanic course at the Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Dec. 15.

A capacity crowd attended the Sunday evening cantata presented by the combined choirs of the First Baptist churches at the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Dr. Jimmy McNeil, optometrist, has announced that he will not be in his office on Thursday, Dec. 24 and also Thursday, Jan. 31.

With Christmas Day coming on Friday this year many businesses will be closed Saturday in order to have a full holiday weekend for the owners and employees.

The annual Christmas dinner program for teachers and employees of the Hamlin Public Schools was held Friday evening in the high school cafeteria. B. V. Newberry, high school principal, was master of ceremonies.

Winners of the Christmas Decoration Contest have been announced by Miss Lennie Greenway, president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, sponsors of the event. In the business division the Hamlin Flower Shop placed first; McCollum-Cunningham, second and Bishop's Flowers, third.



*Ring out the Old  
Ring in the NEW*

Another year has passed, and things gone by, we cannot change. So ring out the old year and ring in the new with high resolutions. These bells, which have long been used by churches as a call to worship, are ringing an opportunity for you to begin the new year at worship with the Lord in His house. Start now and be faithful throughout this year. Attend Church regularly.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish-point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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Christ Ambassadors 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.  
**BAPTIST MEXICAN MISSION**

Stamford Highway  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:40 a.m.  
Training Union 6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Walter Hickman  
N. W. Avenue G. at 5th  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
BTS 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Song, Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.  
**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. C. G. Grigg  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Church Training 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
David E. Giddings, minister  
Lake Drive at Ave. A  
**SUNDAY**  
Bible Class 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Midweek service 7:30 p.m.  
**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Rev. Marshall Stewart  
S. W. 1st at Avenue C  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
N.Y.P.S. 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.  
**EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Richard Lee Davis Jr.  
Bible Class 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Howard J. Jones  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.  
Training Union 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
Rev. James W. Smith  
48 S. W. Ave. A  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
M.Y.F. 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Sharing Groups 7:30 p.m.  
**FOURSQUARE CHURCH**  
Rev. Claud Fry, pastor  
113 S. W. Avenue D  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Crusader Hour 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer, Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Rev. Stephen White  
Aspermont Highway  
**SUNDAY**  
Mass 9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Services 7:30 p.m.  
**McCAULEY BAPTIST**  
Rev. R. M. Babb  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.  
**McCAULEY METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Services 10:00 a.m.  
NEINDA BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. Frank Codington, pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST**  
Rev. Leo F. Scott  
Northeast Ave. H.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
B.T.U. 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

**PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Elder Valery Henderson of Paducah, Pastor  
Meets second Sunday and preceding Saturday night each month  
**SUNSET BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert H. Green, pastor  
N. W. Ave. C. at 6th  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
BTS 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.  
**SYLVESTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Milton Jennings  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.  
**UNITED PENTECOSTAL**  
219 N. E. Ave. B.  
Rev. Jimmy Skiles  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evangelistic Service 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.





## a lovable legend, bringer of gifts

Throughout history, Santa Claus has had many names, many origins. He has as many personalities as fertile imaginations through the ages can dream up.

The symbol of Santa Claus and other magical bringers of gifts is infinitely variable. In Europe the chief gift-bringers are St. Nicholas on his saint's day, the 6th of December; his Anglo-American de-

scendant is Santa Claus; in parts of Scandinavia dwarfs and goats take his place; there is the Christ Child of the German Xmas Eve; the white-robed girl Kolyada in pre-revolutionary Russia arrived by sleigh on Christmas Eve with attendant carol-singers; and the Epiphany gift-bearers associated with the Magi — such as the Befana of Italy, Babouschka of old

spirit of Christmas...

## GOLDEN RULE HAS EMBRACED ALL RELIGIONS SINCE 1300 B.C.

Throughout the centuries men of all faiths have acknowledged the Golden Rule as a vital, intrinsic part of their faith, and expressed it thus:

**BAHAISM** — "If thou lookest toward justice, choose then for others what thou chooseth for thyself. Blessed is he who prefers his brother before himself."

**BRAHMANISM** — "This is the sum of duty: Do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you."

**BUDDHISM** — "In five ways should a clansman minister to his friends and familiars: By generosity, courtesy and benevolence, treating them as he treats himself and by being as good as his word."

**CHRISTIANITY** — "All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even to them: For this is the law and the prophets."

**CONFUCIANISM** — "Is there one word which may serve as a rule to practice for all one's life? The Master said, 'Is not reciprocity (sympathy, consideration) such a word? What you do not want done to yourself, do not unto others.'"

**HINDUISM** — "The life-giving breaths of other creatures are as dear to them as the breaths of one's own self. Men gifted with intelligence and purified souls should always treat others as they themselves wish to be treated."

**JAINISM** — "Indifferent to worldly objects, a man should wander about, treating all creatures in the world as he himself would be treated."

**JUDAISM** — "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

**MOHAMMEDANISM** — "No one of you is a believer until he loves for his

adherents of the old and earliest religion of the horned god only much later made into a satanic Christian devil-figure. (Shades of an exorcist!) These people used hallucinatory drugs and used ointments like belladonna that made them feel like they were flying.

So it seems that the jovial, genial fellow whom we know as St. Nick or Santa Claus has had his darker side, too. All very interesting, as is most history, if you dig deep enough.

brother what he loves for himself."

**SIKHISM** — "As thou deemest thyself, so deem others; then shalt thou become a partner in Heaven."

**SHINTOISM** — "Irrespective of their nationality, language, manners and culture, men should give mutual aid, and enjoy reciprocal, peaceful pleasure by showing in their conduct that they are brethren."

**TAOISM** — "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and regard your neighbor's loss as your own loss."

**ZOROASTRIANISM** — "That nature alone is good which refrains from doing unto another whatsoever is not good for itself."

Traditionalists will say that the Golden Rule, admirable in concept as it is, does not truly express the Spirit of Christmas.

Man continues to strive — more or less — to emulate the Son of God and of Man — and especially at Christmas-time.

He fails miserably, in many cases; this cannot be denied. Why, then, can we not reach for something attainable — such as the Golden Rule?

Dear Santa Clause, Please bring me a Barbie quick curl and a Baby Alive. I would also like to have a Barbie camper and a Newport Barbie. Because I am in first grade, please bring me some new school clothes. Thank you. Danielle Tice

Dear Santa, I am six years old. I would like you to bring me a bike, a gun and a pair of boots. Scott Erwin

Dear Santa, My name is Doug and I am 7 years old. Would you please bring me a new desk and a record player. I would like to have some records too. Thank you Santa Doug Bonds

Dear Santa Clause I want many things, but I know you can't bring me everything I want just a bicycle for my sister and I Isaac Martinez

Dear Santa Clause, Please bring me a new Bibycle. I will have some cake and milk for you. Love Rod Smith

Dear Santa, Please bring me a baby alive doll, and a tea set. Bring Phillip and Michael something pretty. Thank you. Love Betty Burleson

Dear Santa Claus My name is Trudi and I want a talking Doll, I want a BaBy that Eats, I Want a BaBy that CRIEs, and set of dishes. Trudi Farnsworth

I would like to have cricket rocker Gloria Perez

Lanito happy Christmas I want a Punching toy and big Game rifle

Dear Santa, Please send me and my sister a Baby Alive doll. I also would like a record player and some new records. Love Always, Tammy Fudge

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a very good boy this year so for Christmas, I would like to have a race car track, TTP Classy Crashers, and a Mickey Mouse Watch. Love, Darren Weaver

Dear Santa-Clau I Want a bike and a doll. Evangelina

Dear Santa Clause Please bring me a big Tonka bulldozer and Tonka Dump truck. I also would like a cornet. I've been a pretty good boy. Thank you. Love, Todd Self P. S. Please bring "Little Leslie" a petal Pretty.

Dear Santa Claus My name is Steven Warner and I am 5 yrs. old. My mommy is writing this for me because I'm not in school yet. I want you to bring me these things this year: a football helmet, a car, a football, Indian knife, combine and a gun. Thank you, Santa. Steven Warner P.S. I'll leave you some cookies and milk on the bar in the kitchen.

Dear Santa Claus, I am Steven Warner's brother, Jaysen, and I'm 2 yrs. old. I want everything that Steve wants because we fight a lot over the same toys. I've been good this year, considering I'm a boy. Thanks a lot Santa. Jaysen Warner P.S. We don't have a chimney so you'll have to use the front door.

*Silent Night*

We extend our warmest wishes for the Christmas Season and the coming year. May He fill your heart with joy.

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**Greetings**

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May your Christmas be aglow with the love of friends and family... may it shine with the enjoyment of the good things in life! Holiday greetings from

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Jerry Jeffrey, Manager



### Christmas Day In The Morning

As I sat on a sunny bank,  
A sunny bank, a sunny bank,  
As I sat on a sunny bank  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

I saw three ships come sailing by,  
Come sailing by, come sailing by,  
I saw three ships come sailing by,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And who d'you think were on the ship,  
Were on the ship, were on the ship,  
And who d'you think were on the ship  
But Joseph and his Fair Lady.

O he did whistle and she did sing,  
And all the bells on earth did ring  
For joy our Savior Christ was born  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

— Anonymous

## LETTERS TO...

# SANTA

Santy for Christmas I want  
Doll  
high chair  
Baby Bed  
Baby Carge  
love Jana Maddox  
I will leave you some milk  
Plese Write Back

An Baby Carige and an  
doll, Santa Clase suit, rock  
policer, play stove and  
icebox, play horse, play  
zebra, hair brots, play  
telphone that realy rings,  
magice eight ball, play dog,  
B-B gun muchene, buckle  
Jody Jordan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Gnip Gnop, Doll  
cradle, Talking Picture  
Phone, Softina Doll, Billy  
Goat Game, Tuff Stuff Play  
saw, and a Doll Bassinet  
and Sweet Cookie.  
Love,  
Lea Ann Allen

name is Murray Hubbard,  
and I am 4 years old. For  
Christmas I would like to  
have rock'em sock'em  
robots, Steve Scout and Bob  
Scout, and Weeble West, and  
a jeep for G. I. Joe. I have  
been good, and I would like to  
say thank-you Santa.  
Love,  
Murray

Robert Ledesma Christmas  
toys  
I want a bicke and a play  
rifle and throw darts.

Dear, Santa Claus  
I want for Christmas a 10  
speed bike and a bebbie gun.  
Your friend  
Willie Longoria Jr.  
Good Bye  
and a happy new year.

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! My

Dear Santa,  
I want a bisycle and a truck  
for christmas.  
Thank you  
Jenaro Mendoza Jr.

Dear Santa  
I would like to have a T.V.  
and a pair of boots I love you  
a safe trip See you Chistmas.  
Love Raymond Jones



Guess who's wishing you a wonderful  
Christmas season? May the festive spir-  
it be yours throughout the holidays  
and after!

DAIRY QUEEN



We sincerely wish our many customers  
and friends every blessing of the season.  
**Cloud's Carpet Store**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Cloud

choice of date  
of the Child's  
birth was a  
happy augury

The earliest source re-  
garding the exact date of  
the birth of Jesus:

The Christian era was  
calculated by the monk  
Dionysius Exiguus in the  
6th century after Christ.  
He placed Jesus' birth on  
Dec. 25 in the year 753 of  
Rome, and decided 754  
should be the first year of  
the Christian era. How-  
ever, Biblical scholars find  
his calculations in error  
and place the birth of  
Jesus at 4 B.C. or earlier.

In AD 274 the emperor  
Aurelian chose December  
25 because it is just after  
the winter solstice, or the  
shortest day of the year,  
and light once more starts  
to strengthen and gradu-  
ally flood more of the  
world for longer periods  
each day.

Besides, that date al-  
ready was a great holiday  
for the pagan Romans,  
and Christian leaders  
thought it proper to move  
in and take over an ac-  
cepted occasion.

What's more, no one  
knew the actual birth date  
of Jesus, since neither  
Scripture nor any contem-  
porary legend gave any  
precise information on it.

At some point before  
AD 336 the church at  
Rome accepted December  
25 as the day for com-  
memorating His birth,  
and so it has been ever  
since, although because of  
a difference in calendars,  
the Eastern church cele-  
bration and that of West-  
ern churches rarely co-  
incide.

In ancient Persia, De-  
cember 25th was celebrat-  
ed as the birthdate of the  
sun god, Mithras, who  
was believed to emerge  
from a rock three days  
after the winter solstice.  
A star seen by shepherds  
and Magi foretold his  
birth.

Happy Holidays

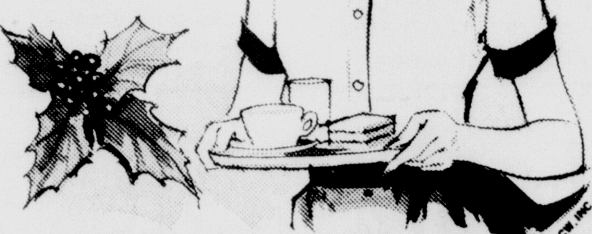


To all our wonderful patrons...  
here's wishing you a truly  
beautiful Christmas!

**Merle Norman  
Cosmetic Studio**

Season's Greetings

We're serving up  
best wishes to  
all our wonder-  
ful patrons... we  
hope the holiday  
season brings  
you the best of  
everything!



**BLUE BONNETT CAFE**

GRACIE MABERRY  
We will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 24  
and will open at 5 a.m. Dec. 27.

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old and have  
been a pretty good boy this  
year. I would like for you to  
bring me an Evil Kneivel Sky  
Cycle and an NFL sleeping  
bag and Xcelerator Road  
Racing Set. Please don't  
forget all the other little boys  
and girls this year and don't  
forget my cousin Brad in  
Eastland. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
David Farnsworth

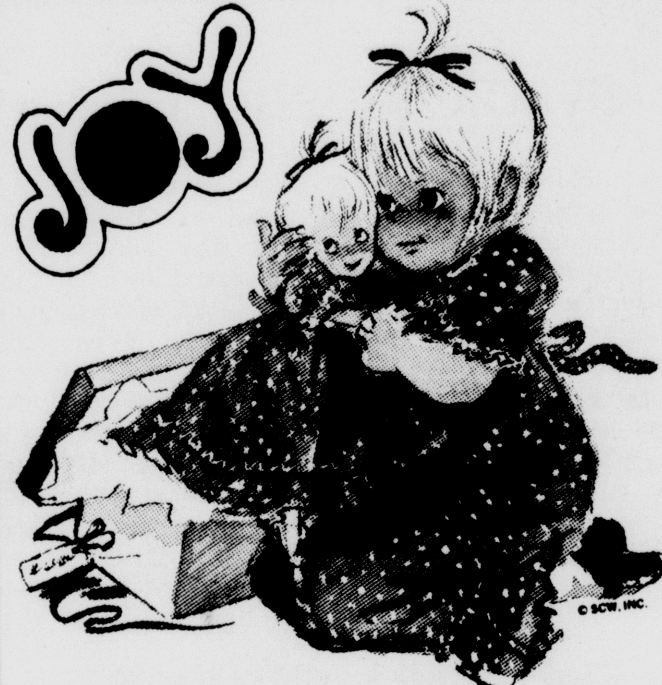
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike, some dishes  
and a dolly, a stove and a  
lunch box  
Nadine Gomez

Dear Santa,  
I want a farm with alot of  
things. Some little tractors  
and some little combines.  
Some candy and this is all.  
David Garcia

Dear Santa.  
How are You at this Time I  
do hope I have been a real  
good little boy I want You to  
bring me a ten speed bicycle  
for Xmas.  
You's turley  
Maurice

Dear Santa Clause,  
Please bring me a GI Joe  
and his jeep. I want some  
play binoculars and a robin  
and Joker doll. I would like to  
have a play family castle and  
a view master and the color  
reels.  
Please bring my sisters  
some nice things, too. Our  
kitty would like a toy mouse.  
Love Kyle Hawes  
Rt. 2 Hamlin  
Golf course Rd.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl.  
Santa I want a Piano and  
Cloth's for Christmas. I hope  
I get them. You are nice.  
Thank you  
Celia Rivera



May your fondest wish come true  
this Christmas! Greetings from

**PIED PIPER GROCERY**

Ester and Dorothy Hastings  
and Steve



May your Christmas tree be gay with  
decorations, and your home be  
bright with warmth & laughter!  
Sincere greetings from all of us at

**FRANK'S TV**

Frank and Margaret Shearer  
Bill Foster



Glad Tidings

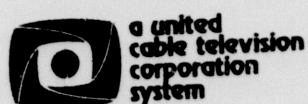
May your Christmas tree be bright  
with ornaments... and your heart  
be bright with love & laughter!

**Hamlin Board of  
Community Development**



Season's Greetings  
May your Christmas be as  
gay and sparkling as the  
ornaments that brighten  
your tree! We thank you  
for your past patronage.

**CABLE ELECTRONICS INC.**  
327 South Central  
Ruby Moore, office manager



We hope the blessings of the  
season abide with you and  
yours. Merry Christmas!

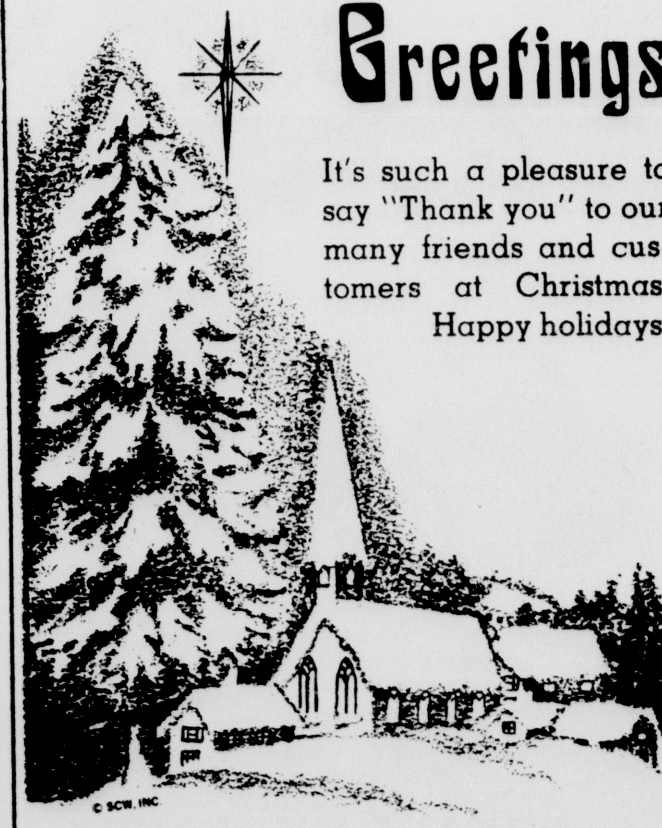
**McCOY FUNERAL HOME**

Ralph and Jerry Ferguson



Coming  
your way  
with greetings  
of the season!  
May it be lighted  
with both love and laughter!

**ALBRITTON MOTOR CO.**



Greetings

It's such a pleasure to  
say "Thank you" to our  
many friends and cus-  
tomers at Christmas.  
Happy holidays!

**CARLTON IMPLEMENT CO.**



## THE YULE LOG STORY

Remember those familiar scenes of men and horses pulling a freshly-cut log home o'er the snow from the forest? It was the Yule log, destined for a Christmas fireplace! It lighted up the house with a cheery glow, turned night into day, and made the holiday festivities so much gayer.

This custom, which is observed in many places, goes far back into pagan times, long before Christianity.

Our ancestors called it the Mid-Winter Fire Festival. It was held indoors because of the bad weather outside.

The Yule log, generally an oak tree, would be ceremoniously lighted from a fragment saved expressly for this purpose from the year before.

When the new log sent out its brilliant flames it was believed that the house and family would once again be protected against lightning and fires; that the cattle and grain fields would thrive, and all the earth would be fertile.



Here's hoping Santa has something special for you in his bag of gifts! Have a very merry Christmas, friends!

JOE HUDSPETH'S



### Marmee, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy Personified the Spirit of Giving in Story, "Little Women"

One of the most beloved stories in American literature is "Little Women", by Louisa May Alcott.

The Civil War-impo- verished March family — the four "Little Women" guided by their courageous, firm yet kindly mother, Marmee, have won generations of friends as the years go by.

"No better time to meet the March ladies, than at Christmas."

"Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents," grumbled Jo, lying on the rug. (Jo, as you remember, was the "free spirit" among the girls, with an impulsive, outspoken way that sometimes concealed a warm and loving heart.

"It's so dreadful to be poor," sighed Meg, looking down at her old dress.

"I don't think it's fair for some girls to have plenty of pretty things, and other girls nothing at all," added little Amy, with an injured sniff.

"We've got father and mother and each other," said Beth contentedly,

from her corner.

The four young faces on which the firelight shone brightened at the cheerful words, but dark- ened again as Jo said sadly:

"We haven't got father, and shall not have him for a long time." She didn't say "perhaps never", but each silently added it, thinking of father far away, where the fighting was."

But somehow the girls rallied their spirits, and determined to make a show of being happy, even if each one had a lump in her throat, thinking of her father in combat, per- haps lying on the wet snow with only the cold muzzle of a rifle against his cheek.

They were thinking, too, of Marmee, so brave in the midst of these ad- versities, and who was the most selfless person any- one could know.

The girls decided to pool their meagre resources and buy their mother some presents. A dollar was all any of them had to spend; they had hoard- ed their pennies for months to build up a fund for something nice for Marmee. And they wanted it to be a surprise.

On Christmas morning they came downstairs to find that their mother had gone out on an errand of mercy — an occurrence all too common, in the eyes of their faithful friend

and servant, Hannah, long unpaid, but ever loyal.

The girls waited for an hour, growing hungrier and hungrier as they sniffed the aroma of buck- wheats coming from the kitchen.

Finally Marmee came back, but only to ask the girls to sacrifice their own wants and needs this Christmas morning, and help her carry a basket of good things to eat, along with firewood, to a cold and starving family near- by.

All the "little women" felt that this need was greater than theirs, so they gathered up the hot- cakes, the freshly baked muffins and the cream, and with Jo's arms heaped with firewood, the March- es made a Christmas morning visit to their neighbors' house.

Later, their own break- fast of only cold bread and milk seemed sufficient, be- cause their hearts were full of gratitude that, as poor as they were, they were able to help those un- fortunates.

As Marmee went into the kitchen to thank Han- nah, the girls decided that this was the moment to surprise their mother with the gifts.

Beth rushed to the old piano and played her "gay- est march" . . . "Amy threw open the door, and Meg enacted escort with great dignity. Mrs. March

was both surprised and touched; and smiled with her eyes full as she exam- ined her presents, and read the little notes which accompanied them. . . .

There was a good deal of laughing and kissing and explaining, in the sim- ple, loving fashion which makes these home festi- vals so pleasant at the time, so sweet to remem- ber long afterward. . . ."

Before bedtime, Mar- mee gathered all the girls around her, and, taking a well-worn letter from her bosom, read to them ten- der words from husband and father.

As love encircled the family, across the miles,

in spite of hardships, ev- eryone agreed — it had Dav.

# Hi!

Just want to say that you're wished the best of holiday seasons! Thank you for your patronage in the past.



CLOUD'S CARPET STORE

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Cloud  
Hamlin



## Joyous Noel

At this holy time, we extend the blessings of the season to you and yours. May the peace of Christ abide within every heart.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. TURNER

MARY MARGARET AND BOBBY REED

JAYNE AND MIKE FIELD



Here's a greeting that's really a "special!" That's because it's for you, our customers. You deserve the best of everything at Christmas and all year round!

J.R.B. SUPER MARKET



During this most wonderful season of the year, we wel- come the opportunity to ex- tend our best wishes to all!

NEINDA COOP GIN

Bill Scott, Manager

Route 1, Hamlin

## Season's Greetings

We want to wish you a very merry Christmas!



ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

LUMBERMEN  
Hamlin, Texas



Merry Christmas!



We're never out of good wishes for you, our patrons, at this most joyous time! Happy holidays!

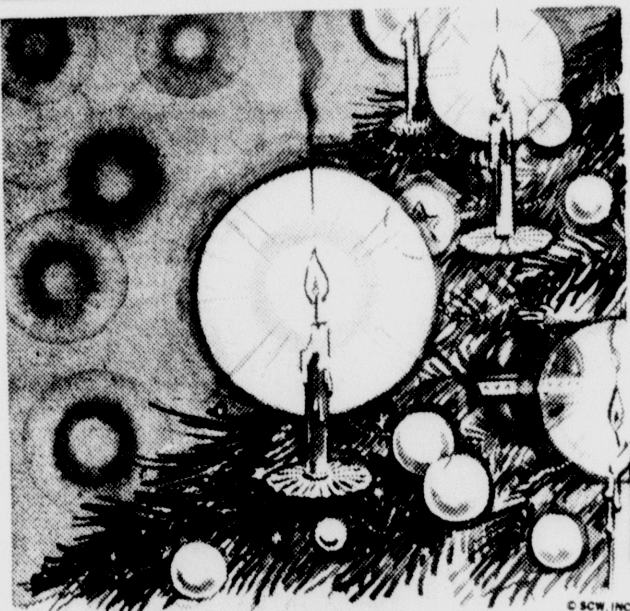
**SAULS' GULF**  
Bill and Recie Sauls

Christmas  
Cheer!



Hope you find just what you've wanted under the holiday tree... and may your Yule be merry!

**WATERHOLE NO. 3**



We hope your home and heart will be filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad Holiday season—  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

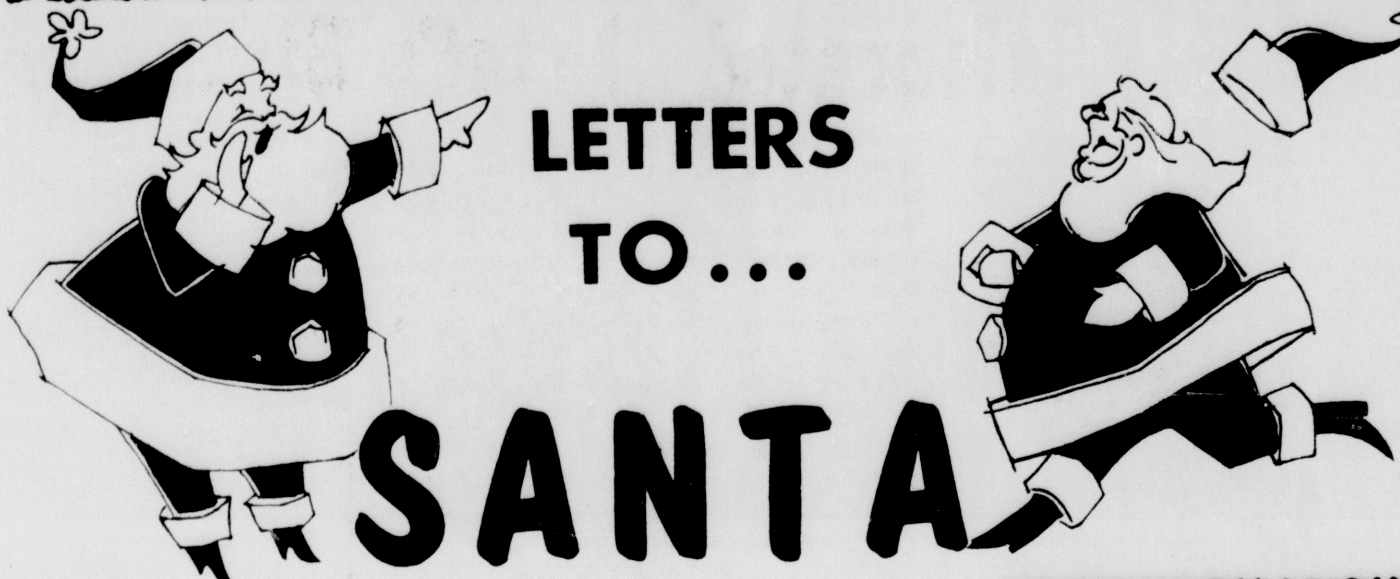
**L. C. Bonds Family**

PEACE

Let us strive for lasting friendship with our fellow men, now and after Christmas.

**TEXACO, INC.**

Paul Cooper, Consignee



Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a Rock-em-Sock-em Robot, a football and a football locker. I also want an electric blanket. Shanna would like a baby doll, but she can't write yet.

Your friend,  
Weldon Spalding

Dear Santa

I would Like to have a doll, Jewelry Box, Record Player and a Bicycle.

Thank you  
Love Sharon Woolf

Dear Santa

Please bring me a rub-a-dub Doll, a Barbie's townhouse and a Barbie's Beach Bus a Barbie and also the sunshine Family House or Just surprise me. I like your Surprises. I Love You

Susie Waldrop

Dear Santa Claus

For this Christmas I want a jumping rope. And pants suits. And Boots And I think this is all. And I hope you can bring them All.

Love Your Friend,  
Patricia Martinez

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl, all through the year. I would like a talking doll and some dishes and a play stove. My brothers would like a play house, and a talking doll. Thank you Santa! And Merry Christmas!

Vicky Barrera

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a B. B. gun, a flashlight, a G. I. Joe, a vertibird, and a petal tractor.

Thank you.  
Eric Kieschnick

Dear Santa Claus

The Things I want are: an evil Kinevel, Police Car, and a Tonka. I want to share Them with my Friends. I Think I have Been Good. I don't Know if you Know I have.

Max Reyes

Dear Santa,

Me name is James I Am 6 years-old. I would Like a bike, And An Evel Knivel Set, a Racing Car set.

That's All I want for Christmas.

Love,  
James Derrell Cork

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a gun and Spurs. Also a Road Race set and banana seat. My little brother wants a backhoe loader and a gun. Thank you,

Buddy Lee Watson

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll and Some play dishes My sisters wants the Same. My brother wants a little play car. Happy Christmas,

Ida Mae Jeffrey

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a b-b gun if you think I am old enough.

I would also like a red wagon and a Cat in the Bag Please bring Baby Alive for my little sister Casey.

Thank you very much

Love,  
Brooks Eoff

Dear Santa Claus

for Christmas I want A fire truck. And a Police Car

Yours truly

Gabriel Ruiz

Dear Santa,

I would like a red coat and a coloring book for Christmas. I would also like some crayons. I hope you have a very merry Christmas.

Thank you,  
Idella Hunter

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good little girl this year. I would like to have a Barbie's Town House and a Rub a Dub Dolly. I would also like a record player, a Barbie's Beach Bus, a play cash register, a electric, Raggedy Ann tooth brush Thank you very much.

Love  
Gina Bond

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Crazy Kar, Sit'n Spin, Big Mouth Singers, Weebles West, Puppy Book, Pop Up Hide and Seek Book. Please bring all my friends some toys.

Love,  
Robin

'Kohoutek'  
Comet Put  
on Show at  
Christmas '73

During early to mid-January there was much excitement and anticipation over the expected appearance of the comet Kohoutek.

It was dubbed "the Christmas Comet" and was expected to be most visible to the naked eye on January 14, at twilight.

Alas! The spectacular comet fizzled. It went into a decline, as far as earthlings are concerned. True, many thousands viewed its pulsing splendor through powerful lenses at observatories, but the common man on his own backporch was acutely disappointed that he couldn't look over to the southwest skies and see this phenomenon.

The comment occasioned by the heralded appearance of the comet caused many people to wonder if the star of Bethlehem was also a comet.

The discoverer of the comet is Lubos Kohoutek of the Hamburg Observatory who observed it when it was near the orbit of Jupiter, 350 million miles from earth.

As we go to press, the most authoritative sources say that Kohoutek has lost its tail, too.

On the evening of January 14, looking through one of the world's most sophisticated telescopes, the comet was a great round shimmering glob of glow, surrounded, as it were, by myriads of tiny winking diamonds.

Spectacular, certainly, even if it did not "live up to its notices".



**HOLIDAY  
CHEER!**

Hope your Yuletide season is filled with joy!

**HAMLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**POLICE CHIEF ED WHEAT**

Ptl. Ronnie Hill  
Ptl. Richard Mullins  
Ptl. Jerry Farnsworth  
Ptl. Phil Standefer  
Ptl. Louis Stinnett

Ruby Robertson  
Kathy Farmer  
Linda Witt  
Melvin Keener



**ELMER MARTIN**

State Representative, District 61

My wife Billie joins me in wishing you a Merry Christmas. May your holidays be filled with gladness.



**Merry  
Christmas!**

Here's an old-fashioned greeting from all of us to all our friends!

**PIPER CAR WASH**

Jack and C. L. White

Try our Cold Weather Stall

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



Fresh from you... greetings of the season. We hope the Yule holidays are happy in every way!

**PIED PIPER MILLS, INC.**



Our "sole" desire is for you to have a wonderful holiday season!

**JOHN'S BOOT & SADDLE SHOP**

338 South Central

Hamlin, Texas



As nature sparkles in her new white raiment, we think of those who have been good friends.

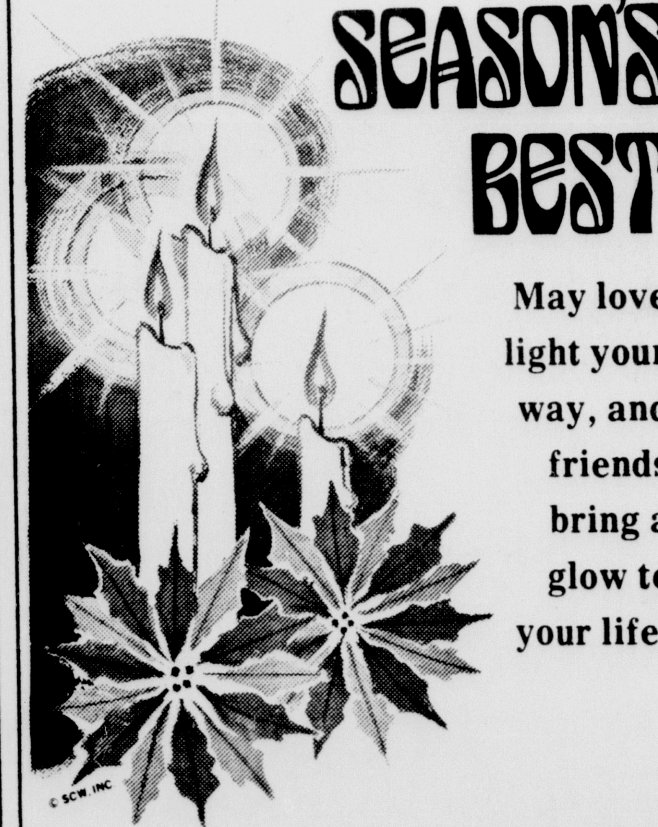


**A. E. KILLION TANK TRUCKS, INC.**



Imagine the joy the shepherds felt, on hearing the glad tidings! We wish that joy to you and yours.

**O. H. WEAVER TEXACO**



**SEASON'S  
BEST**

May love light your way, and friends bring a glow to your life.

**CONNALLY FORD SALES**

47 E. LAKE DRIVE



# How A Poor Pioneer Family Celebrated Christ's Birthday



"Christmas was coming. The little log house was almost buried in snow. Great drifts were banked against the walls and windows, and in the morning when Pa opened the door, there was a wall of snow as high as Laura's head".

A paragraph from Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved "Little Books" — true accounts of the pioneer life that the writer experienced, from her 6th to 18th years in the 1870s and 1880s; her restless father moved his family from a Wisconsin forest to Indian Territory to Minnesota and finally to the Dakota Territory.

The books were published between 1935 and 1943.

The family endured many hardships — bitter-cold winters as well as stifling summer heat. They lived first in a log cabin, later in a dugout by the creek, then, later in shacks — wherever fate (and Father) moved them. They went through cyclones, droughts, plagues of cicadas, yet the Ingalls family shared love and faith in each other, and they always celebrated the birthday of the Christ Child.

For a Christmas in the big woods, when the house was blanketed with snow, Ma baked bread, beans, cookies . . . distilled vinegar and baked dried apple pies! Truly a doughy soul. They entertained relatives . . . Aunt Eliza and Uncle Peter and the cousins who arrived on Christmas Eve on their big bobsled, sleigh bells ringing.

Some other Ma and Pa would have thrown up their hands at the sight of them — maybe got the shotgun off the cabin wall and picked them off from a window — but not the Ingalls! They shared their good things — the children slept in a row on the floor — the grown-ups, wherever they could find space.

Christmas Eve found them aglow with anticipation, in a circle of love. In the morning the children found gifts in their stockings: a pair of bright

red knitted mittens and a stick of red-and-white striped mint candy. Guess who the Christmas Fairy was? She must have earned her reward in heaven, but that Christmas Day she received all the reward she wanted, in the surprise and happiness expressed by every child.

For Laura, the smallest child, there was also a homemade rag doll with black button eyes, black yarn hair and a dress of pink and blue calico — a doll "so beautiful that Laura could not say a word."

On other Christmases there were no presents. The Ingalls family were lucky to have their lives. However, Ma had saved a bundle of "Youth's Companions" that had been sent them by long-delayed mail or via a passerby. While the light lasted they read the stories. Pa even managed to buy the store's last two cans of oysters, so their Christmas dinner had a festive quality.

All the "Little Books" tales are fascinating, and you can be sure that the adults who gave them to children made a point to read them first. The stories have an ageless, timeless appeal. They contain the essence of Christmas . . . selflessness, appreciation of the simple joys, and love of family life.

In the Ingalls family the little Christ Child dwelled, not only on His birthday, but every day.

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Dear Santa  
I wish I had a bike and I Love you very much. I have been a good boy. So will you bring it to me.  
Your's Truly  
Stephen Brown

mother and grandmother some thing nice for Xmas. Thank you  
April Walker  
Merry Xmas to All

624 N. E. Ave. B.  
Hamlin Texas  
Dearest Santa Claus,  
My name is Tommy D. Chase I am also a first grade, Santa Clause I would like a watch, another bycle, a crash-up car set, may be a large truck.  
Thank you  
Santa Claus

P. O. Box 303  
Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Clause  
I haven't been a real good girl this year. But I promise to do better next year. Please bring a Dairy Queen Doll, a Baton, some dishes, and a baby buggy. Please Bring my



## Goy

### TO ALL

We're ringing in with the best of wishes to one and all...may your holidays be happy, healthy and prosperous!

THE CELOTEX CORPORATION  
HAMLIN PLANT

#### Christmas Music

I do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear the full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral, and filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony.

— Washington Irving (1819)

#### YULE LOG

Come, bring with a noise,  
My merrie, merrie boyes,  
The Christmas log to the firing.

— Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

#### Forecast

Hours of sun on Christmas Day,  
So many frosts in the month of May.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

All wrapped up for you . . . our best wishes for your merriest, most prosperous Christmas of all!

### FRANK'S

HAMLIN'S LEADING DEPARTMENT STORE

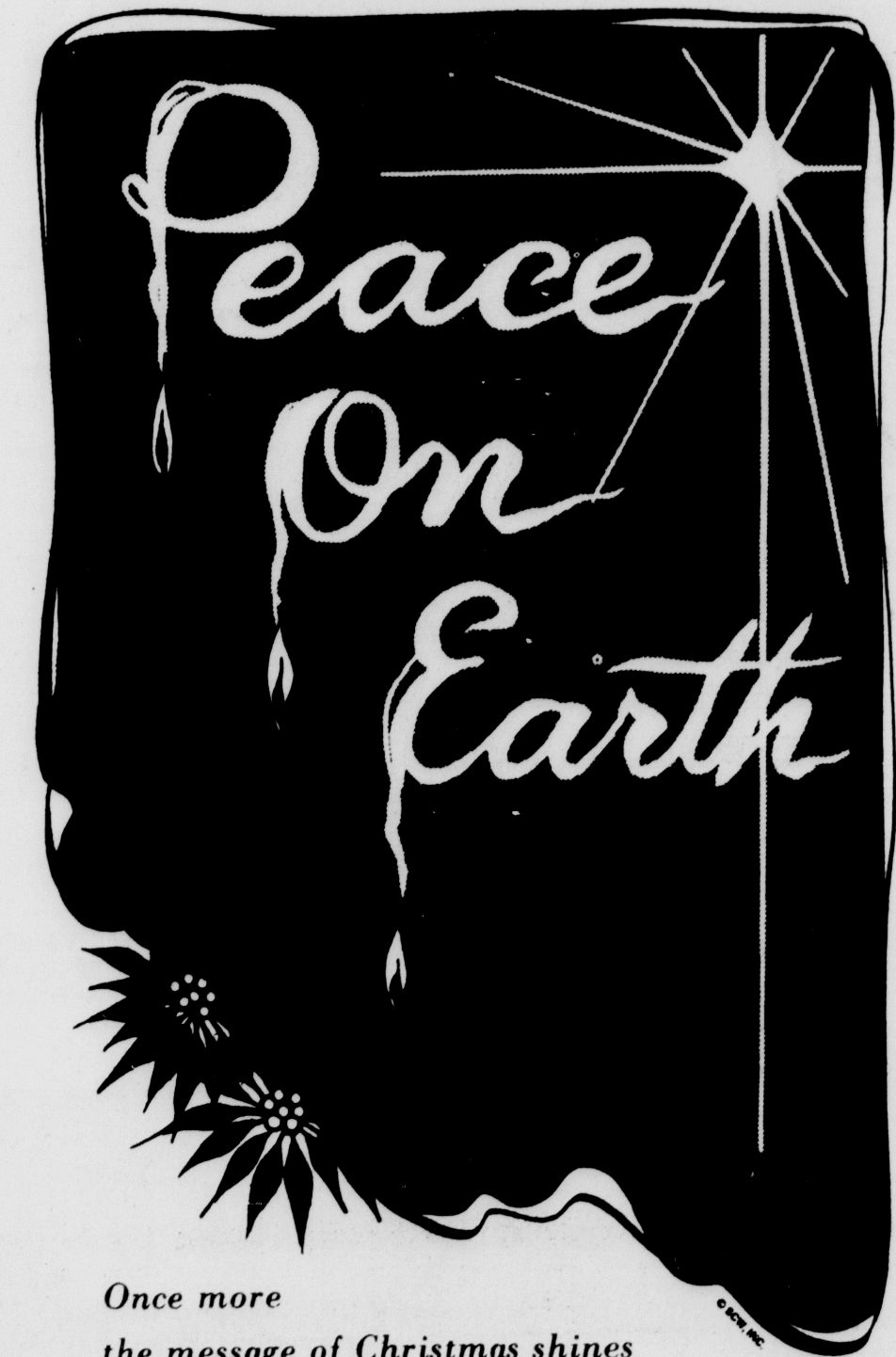
## Season's Greetings



As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, we pray that His peace will abide with all.

### TURNER INSURANCE AGENCY

J. C. TURNER LA VERNE HUNTER JOYE CARY



Once more the message of Christmas shines in men's hearts . . . "Peace on earth, good will toward men!" Our sincere hope is that this holy season may find a world at peace.

### HOWARD DRUG CO.

AND EMPLOYEES



Dear Santa Clause:

I decide that it time for me to write you for my christmas list. Santa I hope that you are making it allright. Because I want a Monday night football

set, a gun, a train set. And when you arrive at my house there will be cookie and milk awaiting for you.  
Love  
Vincent



It's nice to have so many friends! Here's hoping you have the merriest of holidays and gifts galore!

WHITE'S STORE

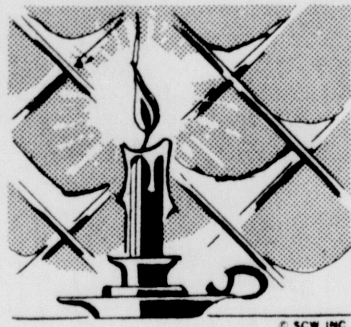
Byron and Neoma Bell

Rodger and Jill Bell

## Legends Of Long Ago

### Candles

Christmas candles are left burning in windows in many countries to light the Christ Child on his way, and to draw friendly travelers in for rest and refreshment. But to make sure that no undesirable or evil visitors come in, a candle can be left burning on the hearth with salt sprinkled thickly around.



### Who Will Rule?

Holly and ivy are grown in practically all countries of the world, and they are widely used as Christmas decorations. In one Yuletide legend, holly is considered to be "male" and ivy "female." Whichever is brought into the house first tells who will rule the house during the year.



### TREE LEGEND

One of the many legends about the Christmas tree tells of Martin Luther wandering through the woods on Christmas Eve and marveling at the stars shining through the branches of the fir trees. Inspired by the sight, he cut a fir tree for his family, set it up, and lighted it with candles to represent the stars.

A Norse legend tells how an arrow of mistletoe was used to kill the young god Baldur, who was protected against all injuries

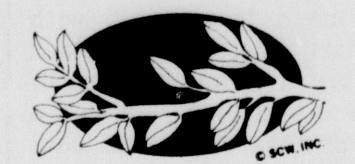


Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl, I help my sisters clean the house. I would like for you to bring me some dishes, and some dresses for my sisters, and for me. Please bring a football for my brothers. Bring a little dollhouse for my baby sister.

And I want a doll that talks and walks and eats, and a play iron and a little play house. And Don't worry I'll be a nice girl all the year  
Your friend  
Alma Gloria Barrera  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus  
I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a big Raggedy Ann Doll and a Disney Table set.  
Thank you very much.  
Maria Ysabel Tamez

that came from the four elements. Mistletoe, which does not spring directly from air, fire, water or earth had the power to destroy him. However, the gods restored Baldur to life and his mother, Freyja, who was goddess of love and beauty, decreed that mistletoe should be a symbol of peace and that whoever passed beneath it would receive her kiss.



Rosemary, dedicated to remembrance, is almost forgotten. In earlier days its silvery fragrance mingled with that of the holly, mistletoe and ivy in every home.

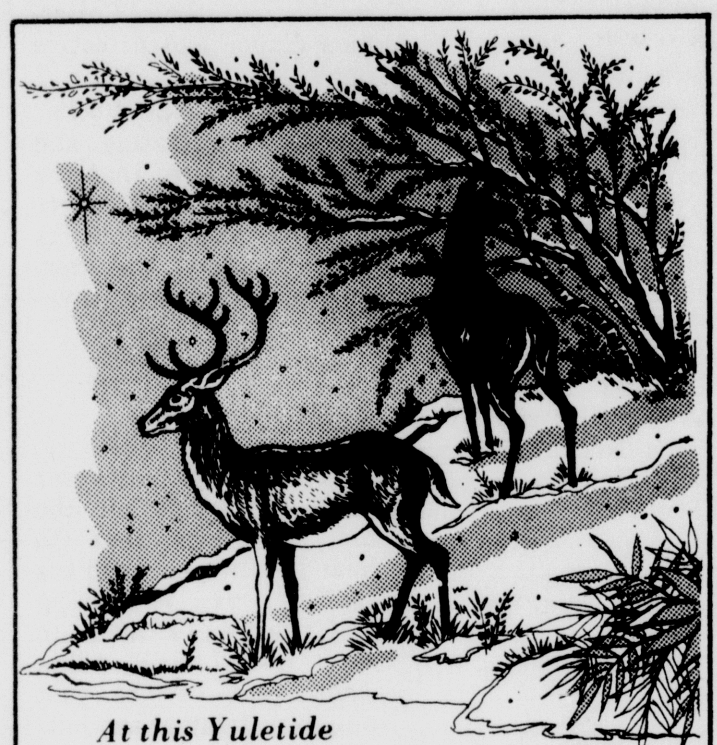
There are two variations to the Christmas legend concerned with rosemary. In one story, when the Christ Child's laundry was spread over a rosemary bush to dry, the

plant instantly became evergreen and aromatic. In another version, it was the Virgin's blue cape that was spread to dry, and the white flowers of the herb became blue.

### Onion Custom

A Swiss farm custom foretells the weather for the year: On Christmas Eve a large onion is cut in half, then 12 layers peeled off carefully and each marked with the name of one month. Salt is then poured into each of the 12 onion cups. On Christmas morning the onion sections are examined. Dry salt indicates a fair month; wet salt, rainy weather.

Pennsylvania Germans during the holidays speak of Pelznickel. He is, in part, like Santa Claus with fur trimming on his clothes and a white beard. He carries bags of toys for good children and switches with which he lightly taps bad children.



At this Yuletide season, we extend to you and yours, our thanks for your patronage, and very best wishes.

THE KNABELS

## St. Francis said to have assembled 1st crib scene

Much is made of the Nativity Scene in Christian homes at Christmas-time. Over the centuries worshippers have expressed their devotion by creating the figures of Joseph, the Virgin Mary, the Christ-Child in His rudely fashioned crib, and the beasts of the field which according to legend surrounded the Holy Birth inside the manger.

Great artists have carved the figures from fine woods, sculpted them of precious metal and other materials, which have become treasured works for the world to admire.

St. Francis of Assisi had much to do with our modern Christmas traditions.

For one thing he is said to have assembled, in AD 1224, the first Nativity scene, using live people, live oxen and live donkeys. Franciscan churches still continue to make of this an illuminating seasonal custom.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 12th and Los Angeles Sts., in Los Angeles, California has done so for many years.

St. Francis also popularized the tradition of Christmas caroling, it is said. When villagers came to see his Nativity arrangement, he led them in "joyous caroling."

Now, of course, such caroling is done by roving groups of singers from countless churches and other organizations each Christmas, but the idea is the same — to express in song one's gratitude at the joyous occasion of Christmas.

To Santa from Lydia 11-21-74

Hamlin, Texas  
Zip 79520  
Street N. W. 2nd  
adrees 1006

Dear Santa

I want a doll and its name is new Chaty Quick curl that you can fix her hair and I want a toy box and that is all.  
Your freind  
Lydia Ribera  
THE END

Dear Santa

I have been a good Boy Please Bring me a Dump Truck, G. I. Joe's Training Center and Big Jim  
Love  
George Scifres

Dear Santa.

I want a Baby crissy And a Black Board. Robby wants tonka Toys.  
We have Been good.  
Love, Tricia and Robby  
Kiser

Dear Santa.

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Little car, and some guns. Bring my brothers something to.

Jackie Gardner

Dear Santa Claus

I want many things, but I know that you can't bring me everything I want Just a bicycle for my brother and I.

Sonia Martinez



A cheery hello to all our many friends, with warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas season!

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## famous Austrian boys' choir evokes Christmas memories

Many Americans have listened with pleasure to the Vienna Boys' Choir, which makes appearances as a cherished and regular part of the Christmas season. But few realize that this choir has a history steeped in tradition . . . in fact, it dates back to over four and a half centuries to Columbus' time.

In 1498 Emperor Maximilian I of the Hapsburgs dynasty ordered a court aide to arrange for a singing group to perform in the Court Chapel in Vienna. The boys were carefully selected and made wards of the state which assumed responsibility for their education as well as room and board.

As boys, several famous musicians were members of the Choir . . . among them, Josef Haydn, Franz Schubert, Beethoven, Mozart, Liszt and Bruckner.

Today the Choir includes four separate singing groups which rotate on the concert circuit, one always remaining at home

### Yule Cheer

Heap on more wood! — the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

— Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832)



W. L. "POOCHEY" McDONALD FAMILY

Dear Santa,  
My name is Connie Holden and this is what I want for Christmas, a Shetland pony a cowboy suit and a sewing machine.  
Thank you  
Connie

age is 6 years old.  
I have been a good boy and I would like for you to bring me a big red fire engine.  
Thank you very much.  
Love  
Martin Farnsworth

a GI Joe for christmas And I also want an electric train too.

bring Me A bike to Ride, and A Toy Sewing Machine for Christmas.  
Teresa Lee

Dear Santa Clause,  
I Want a drowsey doll. a Pair of roller Skates. a bicycle a Purse and Some Clothes and a Play dough Fire truck  
Love Marcie Ferguson.

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a barbie doll, a slinky toy, a bicycle, and some goodies too.  
Love  
Becky Chavez

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a Big Wheel. I want a tractor Tonka toy. And some socks and two pairs of pants. And one green shirt and one white.  
But don't forget to get something for the poor people.  
Love Eric

Dear Santa,  
I would love to get for Christmas a Baby alive, Baby tender love and a record player.  
Thank you,  
Kim Weaver.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll, teddy bear, new bed, a play monkey and a wagon. o'-yes, and some shoes  
Love  
Tracy Goode

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been a good boy. I would like a guitar, backhoe, and a dump truck.  
David Brown

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Dymaite Beach House. a Bean Bag Chair Some Games a set of dishes and Candy and nuts.  
Love  
Tonyia Turner

Dear Santa Clause,  
For Christmas I want a Doll and a train.  
Yours truly  
Mary Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
My brothers and I have been good part of the time. Please bring me a bike. Bring Alan a big wheel and Brian a rocking horse.  
Thank You,  
Mark Carter

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I would like for Santa Clause to

Dear Santa Claus  
I am 7 years Old What I'd Like is a foot ball SuiTe, Bike, Wagon, Air Plants, And Clothes.  
Love  
Leroy Piske

Dear Santa Claus  
My Name is T. J. Robins I am 7 years old. For Christmas I want a wagon, cars, Trucks, Bike and gun. I have a little Brother Name Rodney and he wants a trick gun-wagon and cars.  
Love T. J. Robins

Dear Santa Claus,  
I Love you. My name is Martin Farnsworth and my  
Joe Gonzalez  
Dear Santa Claus  
My name is Joe and I want

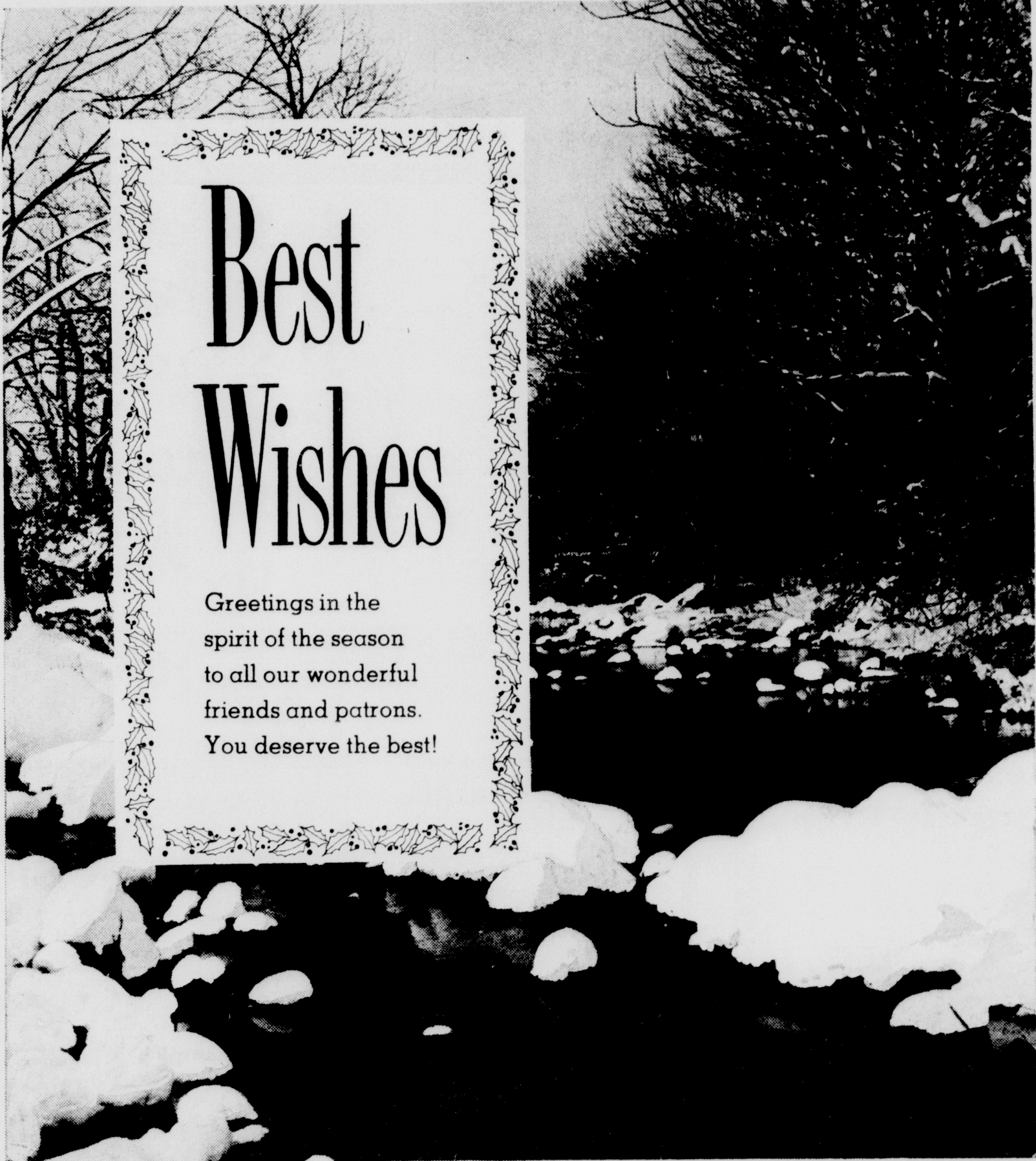


We pray for the blessings of the Infant Jesus upon you and your loved ones at Christmas.

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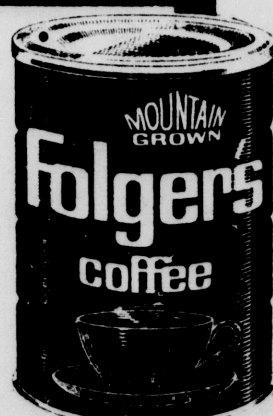


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